

CITIZENSHIP

Parent Resource

What is citizenship?

Citizenship means helping my neighbor, community and nation.

As your child gets older, he or she will have opportunities to make choices that impact the school, community and nation.

In grades three through five, children begin:

- ✓ Recognizing the importance of building friendships and contributing to the community.
- ✓ Becoming more interested in issues affecting the community and nation.
- ✓ Gaining more responsibilities at home and school.

Below are ways you can help your child learn, practice and demonstrate citizenship:

ASK FOR EXAMPLES

Ask your child how he or she has displayed good citizenship by helping others or being a leader in his or her school and community (for example, joining a club that focuses on community service or showing a new student around school). Remind your child that any time he or she helps a friend he or she is displaying characteristics of citizenship.

IDENTIFY WAYS TO DEMONSTRATE GOOD CITIZENSHIP

Encourage your child to identify examples of good citizenship at home, at school and within his or her community. Some examples include enthusiastically listening to others, acting as a leader and encouraging your child to try his or her best.

SKILLS TO CONSIDER PRACTICING WITH YOUR CHILD:



Identifying opportunities to volunteer or serve others in the school or community.



Identifying ways to participate in decision-making in the school or community.



DINNER TABLE CONVERSATION STARTER

Share with your child a meaningful volunteer experience that you had recently or when you were a student. Share the impact this had on you. How did you demonstrate citizenship? Discuss some ways you could volunteer together.

HELPING YOUR CHILD UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF CITIZENSHIP WILL PREPARE HIM OR HER TO CONTRIBUTE TO AND TAKE PRIDE IN OUR COMMUNITY AND NATION.