

RESPONSIBILITY FIFTH GRADE

Objective:

To use literature in teaching students to be dependable and accountable for their words and actions.

To encourage students to try their best and to take responsibility for their own mistakes.

To help students understand that being responsible for a job means being the one to make sure it is done effectively and efficiently.

Materials: Book *The Great Kapok Tree: A Tale of the Amazon Rain Forest* by Lynne Cherry
Responsibility poster

Activity:

1) Introduce yourself to the class and explain that you are the Panther Pride Reader for RESPONSIBILITY.

2) Ask: What is responsibility? Children brainstorm definitions. Share the poster and discuss.

What do adults mean when they say you should be responsible?

- Showing that you're dependable
- making appropriate choices about simple things like what to wear or bigger things like how to treat people
- pulling your own weight

Responsibility:

1. Being dependable and accountable for your words and actions.
2. Doing your best and never blaming others for your mistakes.
3. Being responsible for a job means that you are the one who makes sure it is done correctly and on time.

3) Introduce book *The Great Kapok Tree: A Tale of the Amazon Rain Forest.*

Look at the cover of the book. Ask students to make a prediction. What will this book be about?

4) Read the book aloud and discuss.

Which characters showed responsibility? How do you know?

Why is it important to be responsible?

Evaluation:

5) Ask students to identify some of their responsibilities

Students brainstorm some of their responsibilities, in the home, community, etc.
Remind students they also have a responsibility as a student.

6) Ask students to identify some of their responsibilities as students:

Examples are:

- cleaning up when we're through with books, art supplies, etc...
- returning books to the library in the same condition as when we borrowed them
- helping friends
- using kind words and actions
- getting a good night's sleep and waking up rested and ready to learn
- completing assigned work

ASCA National Standards

Academic Domain:

A:A1.5 Identify attitudes and behaviors that lead to successful learning

A:A3.1 Take responsibility for their actions

A:A3.4 Demonstrate dependability, productivity, and initiative

Career Domain

C:A2.4 Learn about the rights and responsibilities of employers and employees

CA2.8 Understand the importance of responsibility in the work place

Personal/Social Domain

PS:A2.1 Recognize that everyone has rights and responsibilities