

GOOD JUDGMENT
FIRST GRADE

Objective:

To use literature in teaching students to think before they act, and to make good choices.

Materials: Book- *Hey, Little Ant* by Phillip and Hannah Hoose
Good Judgment poster

Activity:

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

2) Ask: What is good judgment? Children brainstorm definitions. Share poster and discuss.

- 1) What does good judgment mean?
 - making good choices
 - thinking before you act
 - Choosing worthy goals and setting proper priorities.
 - Thinking through the consequences of your actions.
 - Basing decisions on practical wisdom and good sense.

Examples- coming to school, taking care of our bodies, listening to the teacher, following directions

3) Introduce book: *Hey, Little Ant* by Phillip and Hannah Hoose

Ask children what they think this book will be about. Ask them to look at the cover and make a prediction about what will happen in the story.

4) Read book aloud.

5) Ask the class: Should the ant get squished? Why or why not? Why is this a hard choice to make for the boy?

People are telling him to squish the ant, he says they steal food from people, they are so small they don't feel or look real, but the ant tells him the opposite

Evaluation:

6) Ask the class to share a time they had to make a hard decision.

Students can share times they showed good judgment and were able to think before they acted. (Sharing their toys, being polite to friends and grown-ups, coming to school, using good problem solving skills)

ASCA National Standards

A.A1.2 Display a positive interest in learning

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

A.B1.1 Demonstrate the motivation to achieve individual potential

C:A2.7 Develop a positive attitude toward work and learning