

GOOD JUDGMENT THIRD GRADE

Objective:

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

Materials: Book *It Could Always Be Worse* by Margot Zemach
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: *It Could Always Be Worse* by Margot Zemach

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: Why did the Rabbi keep having the man add animals in to his small hut?

Because with all the noises added it made things worse, but then the family would appreciate what they have once they are gone.

6) Who was able to help the family in the end?

The Rabbi

7) What do you think the Rabbi was thinking when he was telling the man to keep adding more animals?

Evaluation:

8) 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