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Encouraging Interest

Help students to develop an understanding and appreciation for character education themes through reading stories and chapter books that demonstrate positive character traits. The teacher may also wish to keep an ongoing bulletin board display that focuses on a specific character trait where students can display school work, projects, magazines, articles, etc.

Black Line Masters and Graphic Organizers

Encourage students to use the black line masters and graphic organizers to present information, reinforce important concepts and to extend opportunities for learning. The graphic organizers will help students focus on important ideas, or make direct comparisons.

Role-Playing

Role-playing offers an excellent opportunity for students to become sensitive to how others feel in different situations and to develop empathy. Be sure to introduce role-playing only after class members become familiar and comfortable with each other. In addition, set rules for role-playing to prevent inappropriate behaviour. In order for students to get the most out of role-playing, include:

- an enactment of the scenario presented
- a discussion and analysis of the scenario presented
- further role-playing of alternatives
- drawing conclusions regarding the scenario presented

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PERSEVERANCE DISCUSSION STARTERS

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What does perseverance mean?
What does diligence mean?

Give examples.

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Why do you think some people
give up and stop trying to
accomplish their goal(s)?

Explain your thinking.

PERSEVERANCE DISCUSSION STARTER

Do you think attitude has anything
to do with success?

Explain your thinking.

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How do you think your
self-esteem affects your ability to
accomplish a goal?

Explain your thinking.

PERSEVERANCE DISCUSSION STARTER

Would you rather set low goals
that are easy to accomplish
for yourself or high goals that
are more challenging?

Explain your thinking.

PERSEVERANCE DISCUSSION STARTER

Is there an area in your life
you need to show
more perseverance?

Explain your thinking.

JUST SAY "NO!"

Here are some tips on how to say "NO!" if you find yourself in an uncomfortable situation with a friend or group of people.

TIP #1

Remember to firmly state your position:

For example:

No I won't do that, that's illegal!

No, I won't do that, that's dangerous!

No, I won't do that, it could make me sick!

TIP #2

Suggest an alternative activity or place to go. This will make it easier for others to go along with you.

For example:

Let's go to my house instead.

Let's go to the park.

TIP #3

If you can't change your friend's mind, walk away but let your friend know it is their choice to join you.

For example:

Well, I'm leaving. If you change your mind, come join me at _____.

Make a list of situations where you would say "NO!"

1.	2.
3.	4.
5.	6.
7.	8.
9.	10.

DEALING WITH CONFLICTS

Think of a conflict you have had recently with a friend or family member.

Describe the conflict. _____

How did you solve this conflict? _____

If you think there was a better way to solve this conflict, explain what the better way would be. _____

If you think this was the best way to solve this conflict, explain why you feel that way. _____
