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RESPECT... means showing others that they are valued for who they are, for their character, not what they look like or what they have. It means treating others the way you want to be treated, never insulting or making fun of others who are different in appearance, ability, race or religion. A respectful person is polite, does not use hurtful language and never uses violence.

Teachers can help foster respect between students by providing them with opportunities to share what makes them unique, to learn about their peers and other cultures around the world. **Click on links below** for free resources to get started!

Lessons for Elementary, Middle and High School

Free Instructional Kits for Educators

School-wide Event

10 Tips for Parents to Teach Respect

Quotes on Respect

“You can tell more about a person by what he says about others than you can by what others say about him.” *Leo Aikman*

“We are defined by the way we treat ourselves and the way we treat other people.” *Oprah Winfrey*

“The qualities that make each of us different make each of us special.” *Katy Fischer*

Character Connections

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Promising Practices in Character Education

What is a Promising Practice in Character Education? It's a method, a lesson, an activity, a program... It's what schools are using to develop great character in students!

Sycamore Elementary in the Vail School District was one of seven schools that received a Promising Practices award, \$100 and statewide recognition in 2008.

Click **HERE** to read how Sycamore's **promising practice has been developing great character, reducing discipline issues and improving academic achievement for K-8 students since 2005.**

Now it's YOUR turn to share what your school is doing to develop great character in kids by applying for a Promising Practice in Character Education award. Click **HERE** for application!

What's New?



Did you know that you can use your **school tax credits** of up to \$400 to support character education at your school? Click **HERE** for details!

October 13th \$500 Mini-grants are available through the Arizona Character Education Foundation. Click **HERE** for application. Due 10/13.

October 31st Grand Canyon State Games **Art Contest** has character as one of its themes! Click **HERE** for details. Submissions due 10/31.

November 28th **2009 Promising Practices Award** application is now available online! Click **HERE** for more information. Due 11/28.

