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## CHAPTER 1

## PROBLEM STATEMENT AND CONTEXT

## General Statement of the Problem

The students of the targeted kindergarten and second grade classrooms exhibit inappropriate behaviors and difficulty interacting with their peers, which adversely effects academic achievement and personal growth. Evidence for the existence of the problem includes observation checklists, social skills inventories, student interviews, and student performance assessments in reading and math.

## Immediate Problem Context -

The elementary school which is the focus of this study was originally built in 1962. An addition was built in 1966, making the facility 26,970 square feet. There is one early childhood classroom and two classrooms of kindergarten, first, second, and third grades. There is a learning center/library and a Writing To Read lab. The gymnasium is also used as a cafeteria. There is a latch key room, a speech therapy room, and a music room. The school nurse, counselor, principal, secretary, and physical education teacher all have a personal office. The facility was remodeled during 1996-1997 with new. windows, paint, carpeting, and technology updates. (wall-mounted monitors, wiring/cable for classroom computer labs, etc.)

The school has 181 students. According to the 1997 School Report Card, the total student population divides into 93 females and 88 males. The ethnic breakdown consists of 176 White students, two Mexican American students, two Asian/Pacific Islander students, and one Native American student. In addition, $26 \%$ of the students live in single parent households, and $28 \%$ of the students are considered low income. This means they are from families receiving public aid, living in institutions for neglected or delinquent children, being supported in foster homes with public funds, or they are eligible to receive free or reduced priced lunches. A perfect attendance rate is $100 \%$. This means that all students attended school every day. This school has an attendance rate of $96.7 \%$.

The student mobility rate is based on the number of students who enroll or leave a school during the school year. The same students may be counted more than ònce. This school has a student mobility rate of $8.5 \%$. The school has no chronic truancy problem. Chronic truants are absent from school without valid cause for $10 \%$ or more of the 180 school days.

There are 14 full-time certified teachers in the building. The following table shows the average years of experience per grade level and specialty. The average years of experience for the full-time certified teachers are 20 , and $50 \%$ of the full-time certified teachers have their master's degrees.

Table 1

- Average Years of Experience by Grade Level for Full-Time Certified Teachers

| Specialty | Average Years of Experience |
| :---: | :---: |
| Speech | 3 |
| Music | 18 |
| Physical Education | 16 |
| Learning Center Specialist | 29 |
| Grade 3 | 27 |
| Grade 2 | 25 |
| Grade 1 | 34 |
| Grade K | 9 |
| Early Childhood | 15 |

There are three full-time district staff members who work part-time in the building. This includes a teacher of the gifted, a counselor, and a nurse. Their average years of experience are 20 . Two out of the three have master's degrees.

The building has five aides. Three are full-time and two are part-time aides. One aide is certified with a bachelor's degree. Two have associate's degrees and two have more than 30 hours of college credit.

Of the full-time certified staff, one teacher works half of the day teaching kindergarten and the other half as the Reading Recovery specialist who works with first grade at-risk readers. Another teacher teaches kindergarten half day and works half-time with second and third grade at-risk readers.

The remaining staff of the building includes one administrator, one secretary, one janitor, two latch key personnel, two playground supervisors, two cafeteria workers, and two lunchroom supervisors.

The educational program in the school district consists of core subjects including reading, language (writing and spelling), math, social studies, and science. The time teachers devote to the teaching of these daily subjects corresponds with district and state expectations. To enhance the core curriculum, the kindergarten and first grade classes incorporate a computer program called Writing to Read. This program operates by dividing the students into small groups for 45-60 minutes each day so they may participate in a variety of literacy, readiness, developmental, and writing activities in a lab environment. There is one non-certified aide who assists teachers and students in the lab. The second and third grade classrooms incorporate the Writing to Write computer based language program into their daily curriculum for approximately 60 minutes each day. The focus of this program is to develop writing skills, form, content, and language skills (parts of speech).

Each teacher is responsible for art lessons, but the students leave their classrooms to go to three specialists each week. This accounts for six, 30 minute blocks of time every week. There are two learning center times, two physical education times, and two music times. During learning center, students learn about and become familiar with new
computer technology. At this time, library books are shared with students, and they participate in a book check-out program.

Six teachers in the building are currently participating in the district's technology pilot program. They are receiving technology training and have received a teacher computer work station and five student work stations in their classrooms. In the future, these teachers will be mentors and will train other teachers in their buildings about technology.

The school also offers a latch key program before and after school. In addition, the school offers a breakfast program for everyone. The school also has a PTA which was organized in 1993. The school offers no special education services other than the Early Childhood Program. Students who are identified as needing those services are transferred to another school where their needs can be accommodated according to the Individual Educational Program that was designed for them. The school-wide discipline program is called "I Care," and it focuses on student responsibility and problem solving. There is $100 \%$ student participation in the Book-It Reading Program sponsored by Pizza Hut. The Surrounding Community

The 10.9 square mile river community is centrally located in a Midwestern state and, according to the 1990 census, has a population of 32,507 . Approximately $99 \%$ of the population is White, $0.1 \%$ is Black, $0.2 \%$ is Native American, $0.4 \%$ is Asian/Pacific Islander, $0.6 \%$ is Mexican American, and $0.1 \%$ is designated as from other racial origins. Because the community is primarily white, ethnic controversies have plagued this community for years. The median age is 34.4 years. There are 17,381 households with an average household size of 2.55 people. There is a total of 12,497 families with an average family size of 3.06 people. Of those families, $82.4 \%$ are married couples, $50.9 \%$ are households with children, and $32 \%$ are single parent households. In addition, $25.5 \%$ of the households belong to people 65 years of age or older.

A profile of socioeconomic indicators showed that the median family income in the community is $\$ 31,533$, and the per capita income is $\$ 12,424$. In 1990, there were 984 families (or $10.9 \%$ of all families in the community) with incomes that fell below the poverty level. In the local community, $55.0 \%$ of the families are eligible to apply for free or reduced lunch prices. Of all of the students in the local school district, 37.8\% apply and receive free or reduced lunch prices. The community is the county seat which may be a significant factor in the socioeconomic spectrum of this city. Of the 20,982 persons 25 years and over, $75.7 \%$ have a high school degree or higher, and $10.5 \%$ have a bachelor's degree or higher. The average cost of a home in the community is $\$ 41,319$.

The community has two local school districts. There is an elementary district and a high school district. The target school is part of the K-8 elementary school district. The student enrollment is 4,110 , and the teaching staff numbers 260 . Of the 260 teachers, $100 \%$ are White, $14.2 \%$ are male, and $85.8 \%$ are female. The racial and ethnic background of the students in the district was reported as of September 30, 1996. According to the 1997 School Report Card, $98.7 \%$ of the students are White, $0.3 \%$ are Black, $0.4 \%$ are Mexican American, $0.5 \%$ are Asian/Pacific Islander, and $0.1 \%$ are Native American. The district is organized into ten schools; six primary (K-3), two intermediate (4-6), and two junior highs (7-8). The mobility rate in this school district is $11.7 \%$. (The state average is $18.4 \%$.) This number was greatly reduced in the past few years due to district reorganization. The school district is nationally recognized for its use of technology in the classrooms and its ATM (Asynchronous Transfer Mode) computer network. The district was recently selected as the "Elementary Technology School District of the Year" by the National School Board Association. The elementary school district also received a federal technology grant, and is currently providing selected teachers in the district with one IBM teacher work station and five student work stations per classroom and is training those teachers within a pilot program.

The central administrative structure encompasses a Superintendent, an Assistant Superintendent, a Director of Human Resources, a Director of Finance and Operations, a Business Office Manager, and a Data Service Consultant. Ten principals and four assistant principals are also included in the administrative category. The school district follows a traditional calendar of 180 student attendance days from August to June.

A major employer in the area has had an ongoing labor dispute and strike for the past six years which has affected the community not only economically, but demographically and has strained the cohesiveness of the community. There have been changes in the population due to added low-income housing, increased government subsidized housing, and the recent controversial addition of a federal prison to the community.

The elementary school district fosters active partnership among schools, students, families, and the community. Each school has a business partner, active Parent Clubs which financially support their schools' needs (e.g., playground equipment, computers, and books), extensive parent/citizen volunteers (in the classrooms and learning centers) and committees designed to foster and encourage extra-curricular activities, parent education, parent involvement in the schools, and home-school communication.

## National Context of the Problem

The problems of disruptive student behavior and lack of appropriate social skills have generated teacher concern with regard to academic performance at the local, state, and national levels. According to Ladd (as cited in Katz, McClellan, Fuller and Walz, 1995), there is little of importance in our everyday lives that does not involve interaction with others. Almost all of the activities and experiences people count as meaningful and significant -- family life, work, and recreation -- include or even depend on relations with others. Inasmuch as interpersonal relationships constitute major sources of gratification, companionship, and enjoyment for most people at all ages, inability to initiate and maintain relationships is a source of anguish and loneliness, even in the early years.

Rogoff (as cited in Katz et al.,1995), makes a convincing case that "children's cognitive development occurs mainly in the context of social relationships." Rogoff's research shows that young children are essentially "apprentices in thinking" who learn "from observing and participating with peers and more skilled members of their society". In addition, interactive skills. which contribute to social competence are also influenced by guidance and support of parents, teachers, and other adults involved in a child's care and education. According to research by Feldman \& Wentzel and Hartup \& Moore (as cited in Katz et al., 1995), one of the most important influences on children's social development is experience within the family. However, not all children within a family achieve the same social competence because families do not provide the same environment for every member.

Controversy arises when students, parents, and teachers lack agreement on who is responsible for the way children interact within the school environment and the impact of their behavior on academic performance. Who should take the credit when classrooms run smoothly? Who should shoulder the blame when classrooms are unruly and chaotic? According to a study done by Mark Baron, teachers are most likely to attribute students' misbehavior to parents and students' home environments; however, most teachers claim responsibility for poor classroom discipline. The main reason they have trouble with students, they say, is that "good behavior is not stressed by parents at home." Students, on the other hand, see the problem differently. Students tend to incriminate teachers, classmates, themselves, and occasionally their parents for their misbehavior. The way students see it, most classroom problems are due to "lack of teacher control." Parents are often caught in the cross fire. Even when parents believe a teacher is contributing to their child's discipline problems, they might side with the teacher against the child. Parents might feel guilty about their child's behavior, or they might believe making the teacher angry could lead to more problems down the road. Parents who stand up for their children and protest school's disciplinary action run the risk of being labeled as troublemakers
(Baron, 1990). We must remember that passing blame around won't solve a school's discipline problems or positively impact students' achievement.

Studies done by Parker \& Asher (as cited in Katz et al.,1995), agree with an accumulating body of evidence which indicates that children who fail to achieve minimal competence in social relationships with their peers are at risk of developing a variety of social maladaptations later in their lives. Furthermore, there is evidence that the quality of children's social competence as early as the kindergarten year accurately predicts academic as well as social competence in later grades (Pellegrini \& Glickman, as cited in Katz et al.,1995). The risks in adolescence and adulthood include academic failure, dropping out of school, juvenile delinquency, and later mental health problems (Kupersmidt; Cowen, Pederson, Babigian, Izzo, \& Trost; Parker \& Asher, as cited in Katz et al., 1995).

As a result of a broadened definition of classroom management, today's research moves away from a focus on controlling student's behavior and looks instead at teacher actions to create, implement, and maintain a classroom environment that supports learning (Johnson \& Brooks, 1979). From the synthesis of over 40 studies, Evertson \& Harris conclude that teachers' actions in the classroom have the greatest effect on students' learning (Evertson \& Harris, 1992). This research has shown that effective teachers weave their instructional and discipline strategies together. To keep children behaving while they're learning, they suggest that teachers should design lessons which engage and motivate students, have clearly defined expectations for student behavior, and specifically teach social skills to students to make them responsible for their own learning.

## CHAPTER 2

## PROBLEM DOCUMENTATION

## Problem Evidence

In order to document the extent of inappropriate behaviors displayed by the targeted students in kindergarten and second grades, their knowledge and/or lack of social skills, and the impact these factors may have on academic achievement, four forms of data were collected. These data include individual student interviews, observation checklists targeting inappropriate behaviors, and reading and math test scores.

The student interviews were conducted to determine the number of students who could give pro-social responses and the number of students who responded anti-socially. Pro-social responses were defined as socially acceptable ways to deal with problems and/or issues such as: taking turns and sharing; using problem-solving skills; using conflict resolution skills; ignoring the problem and walking away; using any response that corresponds with 'I Care" rules; and talking out the problem.

Anti-social responses were defined as unacceptable ways to deal with problems and/or issues. The characteristics of anti-social responses were: physical aggression such as hitting, kicking, pushing, shoving, spitting, or biting; inappropriate language such as name-calling, swearing, threatening, or intimidating others; crying; and tantrums.

Each of the 22 students in the targeted kindergarten and the 23 students in the targeted second grade were asked five questions by the teacher. The interview questions dealt with hypothetical social situations where students were individually asked to tell their teacher what they would do if a certain situation arose. A copy of the interview questions used in kindergarten and second grade can be found in Appendix A. A rubric was created to assess student responses,
and a copy of the rubric can be found in Appendix B. The table below documents the results of the student interviews.

Table 2

## Student Interview Responses for Classes A and B

| Class A (Kdg.) | Class B (Second Grade) | Total |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pro-social responses | $56 \%$ | $85 \%$ | $71 \%$ |
| Anti-social responses | $37 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $26 \%$ |
| No response | $6 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $3 \%$ |

As the table indicates, the majority (56\%) of the 22 targeted kindergartners and $85 \%$ of the 23 second graders responded pro-socially to the five interview questions dealing with hypothetical social situations. This seems to indicate that most of the students are aware of the appropriate social response. It should be noted, however, that only a little over half of the kindergartners responded pro-socially compared to over three-fourths of the second graders. This may be attributed to the fact that some students entering kindergarten are experiencing their first all-day social encounter. Also, it is a possibility that home influences may be affecting social skills. Additionally, $37 \%$ of the kindergartners but only $15 \%$ of the second graders responded anti-socially to the interview questions. This may be because the kindergartners are less aware of their expectations and responsibilities and have been involved in fewer social situations than the second graders. Also, because second graders are older, they may be more aware of social expectations, they may have had more opportunities to practice appropriate social behavior, and they may be more conscious of the consequences of their behavior. In addition, second graders may have a better understanding of the concept of rules, and they may be able to implement correct decisions more frequently with regard to social situations. While $71 \%$ of the targeted
students responded pro-socially, it is important to note that $29 \%$ responded either anti-socially or not at all. It appears to the researchers that by teaching social skills explicitly to the targeted students, pro-social responses may be increased while anti-social responses may be decreased.

In order to document the extent of inappropriate behaviors displayed by the targeted students in class A and B, observation checklists were used. Teachers noted inappropriate student behaviors by making tally marks on morning and afternoon checklists. The targeted inappropriate behaviors included student-to-student aggressive interactions such as hitting, kicking, biting, pushing, and spitting. Inappropriate behaviors also included student-to-teacher interactions that were further divided into active and passive catagories. The active category included behaviors such as talking, interrupting, noisemaking, getting of seat, inappropriate language, and defiance. The passive category included behaviors such as playing in desk/cubby, daydreaming, and chair-tipping.

Weekly totals of specific inappropriate behaviors for class A and B for the first three weeks of the project can be found in Appendix C. These data are presented in Table 3 and summarized in Figures 1 and 2.

## Table 3

## Categorical Summary of Observation Checklists for Classes A and B

Kindergarten Second Grade Total (percent)

| Student-to student <br> (aggressive) | $13 \%$ | $\cdot$ | $8 \%$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Student-to-teacher <br> (active) | $78 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $82 \%$ |
| Student-to-teacher <br> (passive) | $9 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $11 \%$ |

The behavior checklist data indicate that inappropriate behaviors involving student-tostudent aggression are much more of a problem in kindergarten (13\%) than in second grade (.9\%). This may be attributed to the fact that the second grade students are more aware of the consequences with regard to aggression, and they have participated in a school-wide discipline program promoting self-control for two years. It is interesting to note, however, that the second graders displayed more active inappropriate behaviors toward the teacher (87\%) such as talking, interrupting, getting out of seat, defiance, etc. Passive student-to-teacher behavior percentages were similar between the two classes with the kindergarten displaying $9 \%$ and the second graders displaying 12\% of these behaviors including daydreaming, playing in cubby/desk, and chairtipping.


Figure 1. Observation Checklists Recording Inappropriate Behaviors for Class A (Kindergarten) The kindergarten behavior checklist data indicate that inappropriate behaviors encompassing off-task, aggressive, and defiant actions significantly increased from week one to week three. The researchers attribute this rise in inappropriate behaviors to several factors. First, the students began the school year by attending class for only three hours during weeks one and two as opposed to the six and one half-hours attended the third week of the school year. Second, with each attendance day, the students felt more comfortable and confident in their surroundings. Thus, the "honeymoon" period was over after the first week. Third, as the students were required to stay on task for a longer period of time and to complete projects, their inappropriate behaviors increased as indicated in week three of Figure 1.


Figure 2. Observation Checklists Recording Inappropriate Behaviors for Class B (Second Grade)

The second grade behavior checklist data indicate that inappropriate behaviors encompassing off-task, aggressive, and defiant actions significantly increased from week one to week three. The researchers attribute this rise in inappropriate behaviors to a variety of factors. The students became more confident and comfortable as they became acclimated to their new classroom environment. As the students were required to stay on task and focus for a longer period of time, to complete assignments, and to be more independent, their inappropriate behaviors increased as indicated in weeks two and three of Figure 2.

An age-appropriate math test was administered to the targeted 22 kindergarten students and to the 23 second grade students in order to assess their academic achievement. The researchers determined that the mastery level would be $90 \%$ or above. The figures below document the results of the math test.


## Figure 3. Math Scores for Class A (Kindergarten)

The figure indicates that of the 22 targeted kindergarten students who were tested in mathematics, only two students (9\%) scored at a mastery level of $90 \%$ or above. This indicates that the majority ( $91 \%$ ) of the targeted students fell below mastery level. It is also important to note that $45 \%$ of the targeted kindergartners scored $50 \%$ or below. It is these students who are most at-risk with regard to objective mastery.


Figure 4. Math Scores for Class B (Second Grade).

The figure indicates that of the 23 targeted second grade students who were tested in mathematics, no students scored at a mastery level of $90 \%$ or above. This indicates that $100 \%$ of the targeted students fall below mastery level. In addition, it is important to notice that $52 \%$ of the second graders scored $50 \%$ or below on the math test. The researchers consider these students to be most at-risk when considering achievement.

An age-appropriate reading test was administered to the targeted 22 kindergarten students and to the 23 second grade students in order to assess their academic ability. The researchers determined that the mastery level would be $90 \%$ or above. The figures below document the results of the reading test.


Figure 5. Reading Scores for Class A (Kindergarten)
The reading scores indicate that three kindergarten students (14\%) scored at a mastery level of $90 \%$. Therefore, $86 \%$ of the kindergarten students fell below mastery level in reading. Additionally, $55 \%$ of those students scored $50 \%$ or below and are currently considered to be academically at-risk in reading.


Figure 6. Reading Scores for Class B (Second Grade)
The reading scores indicate that five second grade students (22\%) scored at a mastery level of $90 \%$. Therefore, $\mathbf{7 8 \%}$ of the second grade students fell below mastery level in reading.

The results show $35 \%$ of the targeted second graders falling below expectations ( $70 \%$ $80 \%$ range); however, $30 \%$ of the second grade students are considered at-risk in reading due to scores of $50 \%$ or below.

As a result of these reading and math scores, the researchers noted that academic achievement in the targeted classrooms is an issue that needs to be addressed. Both targeted classrooms use cooperative learning strategies during curriculum instruction. Due to the fact that the targeted students have been shown to lack appropriate pro-social behaviors, this may affect their ability to learn in this type of situation. Therefore, the researchers believe that explicitly teaching social skills to the targeted students may increase academic achievement and reduce inappropriate behaviors.

## Probable Causes

Appropriate social skills are necessary for people to function successfully within society. People need to be able to interact within the family, the school, the community, and the workplace. Unfortunately, we are not all born socially competent. Becoming and remaining socially skilled is a complex, dynamic, interactive process in which the behaviors and knowledge needed varies according to the individual and the situation. Social competence is a lifelong process that children begin as infants (Campbell \& Siperstein, 1994). Many children acquire social competence by participating in social interactions. As acquaintances are made, they feel a sense of acceptance, and their level of confidence rises. As confidence increases, children become more willing to take chances thereby becoming more socially skilled. With each interaction, they acquire the ability to develop and maintain social relationships and have friends. These social relationships are productive and meaningful to the children themselves and to everyone associated with them as well. However, for some children the acquisition of social skills is more difficult, and they often lack confidence in social situations. Children who experience problems in their social relationships are at a distinct disadvantage. They may become trapped in a cycle that precludes their ever becoming as socially skilled or self-confident as their peers, which fosters their continual exclusion from social interactions. When they lack the opportunity for social interaction, they fail to develop social relationships where they could practice social skills. Students deficient in social skills are often labeled as maladjusted. It is those same students who become delinquent or drop out of school as adolescents and are more likely to experience problems as adults (Campbell \& Siperstein, 1994). These outcomes are predicted for a growing body of students in today's elementary schools who lack social competence.

There may be many factors in today's society that contribute to students being at-risk due to their lack of social competence. Often times, the same factors that interfere with academic achievement affect social achievement as well. They may include learning and/or behavioral disabilities, hunger, distress, cultural differences, and poverty (Campbell \& Siperstein, 1994). Literature also suggests other probable causes for children's lack of appropriate skills. They include the fact that society, in general, is changing. There is dissolution of the family unit. Children have poor role models, and they lack appropriate behavior instruction at home. There is too much unsupervised time spent with media and its possible negative influences. Children are also faced with a physically and socially toxic environment.

Low academic skills and/or behavior disabilities increase the chance that the student may have difficulty demonstrating age appropriate behavior or social skills (Warger \& Rutherford, 1993; Carter \& Sugai, 1988; McCafferty, 1990; Keefe, 1988). Children with Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) have a hard time waiting, delaying their impulses, and sustaining consistent interest. They also display a general insensitivity to feedback cues. These difficulties with concentration and memory often impede their ability to understand and act appropriately in social situations (Jones, 1994). In other words, children may not be able to perceive situations correctly, remember information accurately, problem solve successfully, or use known solutions spontaneously (Campbell \& Siperstein, 1994).

Poor nutrition or distress may also cause children to exhibit behavior difficulties. Something as simple as a headache or stomachache will affect a child's behavior. Stressful events for a child may include a fight with a peer, divorce, step families, or the birth of a sibling (Fort McMurray, 1993).

Cultural differences from the dominant culture may present complications, too. Difficulty with language or inexperience with the customs may inhibit the initiation of conversation. Conversation skills are dependent on verbal and nonverbal language. For example, eye contact in some cultures is viewed as disrespectful rather than as socially acceptable behavior. Social interactions are complex, they always differ, and they tend to occur very rapidly. All of these factors could potentially contribute to the uneasiness of someone from another culture. (Campbell \& Siperstein, 1994).

Low socioeconomic status is also a factor that may contribute to inadequate social skills. In our nation today, "one in five children is poor" (Lickona, 1993). Children from low socioeconomic families tend to have more disrupted lives. In these families, social skills instruction is often inadequate. The school involved in this research project serves low-income areas as described in chapter one.

According to researchers, it is a fact that American society is changing (McCabe \& Rhoades, 1992). The "traditional" family is now a rarity. There is an increase in the number of children who come from single parent and dual-working parent homes (Bellanca, 1992). Because there are so many parents working outside the home, the one-to-one contact time between parent and child has decreased to approximately 15 minutes per day (McCabe \& Rhoades, 1992). Many children today are faced with divorce, remarriage, and multiple families. This instability in children's lives can contribute to poor social skills.

Often times, children lack proper role models and training to help them develop a good foundation in discipline (Roopnarine \& Honig, 1985). Modern television shows, videos, and movies provide children with poor role models. The current trend in television promotes "antisocial and anti-caring" behaviors (Bellanca, 1992). These inappropriate behaviors and poor
social skills children see may be mimicked. By passively watching television or any of the other media, children learn put-downs, physical aggression, and violence. According to the 1992 report of the National Research Council, "the United States is now the most violent of all industrialized nations" (Lickona, 1993).

In addition, children receive less parental guidance today than they did in the past (Anderson \& Prawat, 1983). The minimal amount of contact time between parent and child, referred to previously, does not allow the time necessary for appropriate behavior instruction. Children must be taught how to get along with each other and to work cooperatively (Anderson, 1988).

The amount of time children spend viewing media can also have a negative influence on children's social skills. Social skill emphasis is decreasing due to the advancement of technology. Children today spend a great deal of time on computers. This limits the time for social interaction. According to Bellanca (1992), the average child spends four or more hours a day watching unsupervised television (p. 202). During the time children are viewing media, they may see sexual scenes that can leave lasting impressions in their young minds. They may also see things or read about things that give them a distorted sense of reality. With persistent viewing of television, children also spend less time on academics or interacting with others practicing appropriate social skills (Fort McMurray, 1993).

Children today are also faced with a physically and socially toxic environment that can have a lasting, negative influence on social competence. Children are physically threatened by poisons like lead, smoke in the air, polluted water, and pesticides in the food chain. However, they are also socially threatened because they are expected to grow up in a society that has become poisonous to their development. More children now than ever are doing badly enough in
their behavior and development to warrant therapy. Children, as well as the elderly, are the most vulnerable to negative influences like crime, substance abuse, economic pressures, family disruptions and traumas. All of these physical and social threats children encounter have the potential to increase the likelihood of serious developmental problems. Unless something changes soon, the situation for children will only continue to deteriorate (Garbarino, 1995).

The benefits of developing social competence are clear. With improved social competence comes the ability to participate productively in society. With less time continually spent on behavior management, there is more time for academic endeavors and a greater likelihood of success and personal satisfaction (Campbell \& Siperstein, 1994).

## CHAPTER 3

## THE SOLUTION STRATEGY

## Literature Review

Learning age appropriate behaviors and social skills builds the foundation for academic and personal growth. All students can benefit from social skills training to achieve maximum aid from academic instruction (Warger \& Rutherford, 1993). When students learn and use age appropriate behaviors and social skills, it assists in the prevention of classroom problems that are linked to academic underachievement. Furthermore, there is growing evidence that the quality of children's social competence as early as the kindergarten year accurately predicts academic as well as social competence in later grades (Pellegrini \& Glickman, 1990). According to Johnson and Johnson (1990), "people do not know instinctively how to interact effectively with others. Nor do interpersonal and group skills magically appear when they are needed. Students must be taught these skills and be motivated to use them" (p.30). Research shows that it is more beneficial to be proactive and teach children to behave appropriately than to continually be reactive and punish them for "misbehavior" (Katz, McClellan, Fuller \& Walz, 1995). Explicit teaching of social skills is required if we are to facilitate students academic and personal growth.

Most researchers and educational journal writers agree that direct and systematic instruction of social skills is necessary (Bellanca, 1992; Keefe, 1988; Fad, 1990; Fort McMurray, 1993; Begun, 1996). Instruction can revolve around a variety of approaches including role playing, positive reinforcement, enhancing self esteem, children's literature, promoting social understanding by dealings with spontaneous events, developing a shared sense of membership in and responsibility for the school community, teaching a discipline program based on self-control and personal commitment to the rules, modeling, cooperative learning, peer mentoring, as well as teaching to students' multiple intelligences.

Role playing is an approach used, as an intervention strategy, to promote pro-social behavior. Role playing gives children the opportunity to rehearse and practice appropriate skills by re-enacting real-life situations. Role playing usually follows instruction and/or modeling of a
targeted behavior and/or skill. Children can acquire or enhance their verbal skills, turn-taking skills, problem-solving skills, negotiating skills, and decision-making skills which all play a critical role in social interaction. Research suggests that it is necessary for the teacher to provide constructive suggestions through corrective feedback, positive reinforcement, and coaching during the role playing activities (Anderson et al.,1988; Carter \& Sugai, 1988). As children role play, it is also important that discussions take place concerning alternative socially acceptable behaviors.

Positive reinforcement is another technique used to foster pro-social behavior. It is generally accepted that students should be encouraged and praised for practicing pro-social behaviors (Carter \& Sugai, 1988; Stone, 1993; Warger \& Rutherford, 1993). Teachers who directly give children encouraging praise will promote good social response (Jones, 1994). When praising pro-social behavior, it is important to use the student's name, give praise without delay, and to be sincere and convincing (Warger \& Rutherford, 1993).

Nurturing students' self-esteem is another technique to establish pro-social behavior. According to McCafferty (1990), "students with low self-esteem are self-conscious about their social behavior and how others perceive them. They are likely to react negatively and to be sensitive to disapproval or rejection" (p. 369). Praising and nurturing will help to increase the child's sense of self-esteem (Stone, 1993).

Children's literature is an excellent technique that can be used when creating lesson plans to teach pro-social behaviors. Literature may be used as an anticipatory set, during the actual lesson, or as a culminating activity. Children can study the characters in the story and learn from how the characters solve problems and how they interact with others (Bellanca, 1992). Literature can arouse a child's sense of empathy and altruism. It can open a child's eyes to others' feelings, interests, and points of view that may be different from their own. Literature can encourage discussions of alternative interpretations of behavior, and it can help children to discover common ground (Katz et al.,1995; Kreidler, 1995; Jones, 1994; Begun, 1996).

Another way to promote children's social understanding and competence is by dealing with spontaneous events as they occur. In other words, taking full advantage of the teachable moment. According to Katz et al. (1995), "the spontaneous and inevitable social problems that arise as children work and play together put the teacher in an ideal position to advance children's social development. It is always appropriate to provide a context in which children can learn effective ways of handling their impulses and interacting with peers" (p.13). Research suggests that pro-social skills should be used in a consistent manner (Anderson et al., 1988). Pro-social behavior needs to be practiced in the classroom, but it also needs to be practiced in the hallways, on the playground, in the lunchroom, at the home, and in the community. By targeting specific behaviors as they occur in a natural setting, children begin to see the relevance to their lives. In order for students to want to learn a skill, they must see the need to use it, and they must believe they will be better off for knowing it (Johnson \& Johnson, 1990). When dealing with spontaneous events, it is necessary that students are made aware of what is taking place and why, or they need to reflect about what occurred and why.

Another critical element to consider when promoting pro-social behavior, is the classroom climate. The teacher must create a risk-free, safe, trusting, and encouraging environment where messages are consistent for all students. This will help to foster a team concept. The word team forms an acronym for Together Everyone Achieves More. When this team concept is created and nurtured, students develop a shared sense of membership in and responsibility for their school community. This in turn, should transfer to other areas of the curriculum and make a positive impact on the student's future. A copy of the "Team" acronym in poster form can be found in Appendix D.

A discipline program is essential when building a foundation for appropriate behavior and social skills. The "I Care" discipline program, published by Grace Contrino Abrams Peace Education Foundation, Inc., Miami, Florida, 1996, and available from Peace Education Foundation, is based on self-control and personal commitment to the rules. It provides a firm, fair, consistent, and interactive way for children to learn pro-social behavior. The program uses a
variety of approaches, which elementary children find very motivating. For example, there is an "I Care" cat puppet which is used along with videos targeting the five "I Care" rules to enhance and reinforce the application of each rule. The program is based on five simply stated, yet vast encompassing rules. A poster of the rules is prominently displayed in each classroom and referred to on a consistent basis. The rules are:

1. We listen to each other.
2. Hands are for helping, not hurting.
3. We care about each other's feelings.
4. We use "I Care" language.
5. We are responsible for what we say and do.

Extensive research on children's social development indicates that the way parents and teachers discipline or react to children's "misbehavior" has a profound impact on children's social behavior (Radke-Yarrow \& Zahn-Waxler, 1986; Parke, 1990). With this discipline program, the children are able to exercise their autonomy, they feel a sense of ownership with regard to the rules, and they realize that every action pro-social or anti-social has a consequence.

Modeling appropriate behaviors is an essential characteristic of promoting pro-social behavior. Modeling has been shown to be a useful tool for social learning (Katz et al., 1995). As children develop, one way for them to learn appropriate social behaviors is by watching and interacting with other people (Begun, 1996). Because it is such a powerful way of learning, it is a good idea for the teacher to be particularly alert to her interactions with the students. By talking with the children, soliciting their ideas, and remaining open to the cues in their behavior, teachers can make informed suggestions while modeling an interactive way to problem solve (Katz et al., 1995). Researchers suggest that multiple models and wide ranges of behavior be used to maximize the effectiveness of modeling. In addition, the observers should perceive the model as being similar to themselves in as many ways as possible (Carter \& Sugai, 1988). Models can include teachers, parents, older children, and peers. Other types of models could include puppets, and characters in films and videotapes.

Although modeling is necessary when teaching appropriate social skills, the students must experience structured practice of each skill before it is internalized. If classrooms are to be places where students care about each other and are committed to each other's success in academic endeavors, a cooperative structure must exist. Cooperative learning is a concept that has been around since pioneer families tutored their children in groups. Since the one-room schoolhouse used cross-aged tutors, cooperative learning groups, and group investigations were the norm. Today, thanks to the work of Johnson and Johnson (two brothers who did their research at the University of Minnesota and perhaps the most prolific researchers of cooperative learning) and others, numerous studies document the powerful effects of cooperative learning as well as the specific elements needed to make cooperation work in the classroom. No other instructional method used today can claim the quantity or quality of research highlighting its success. Research seems to demonstrate: that students who work on a task in a small cooperative group appear to master material better than their individual-working counterparts; that they feel better about themselves; they develop positive, interpersonal life and social skills that help to improve communication skills that become a necessity to functioning in society and the workplace; they learn to takes risks; and are more accepting of classmates who have different learning styles and skills, cultural background, attitudes, and personalities. (Anderson, Nelson, Fox \& Gruber, 1988) Heterogeneous groups promote student learning. Results hold true across age, subject matter, race, nationality, sex, and every other variable. The purpose of cooperative learning is to make each group member a stronger individual. "For things we have to learn before we can do them, we learn by DOING them." (Aristotle) There is a pattern and a flow to classroom learning--learn it together, perform it alone (Johnson \& Johnson, 1990). There are more winners in a cooperative team because all members reap from the success of an achievement. Bruce Joyce writes, "Research on cooperative learning is overwhelmingly positive, and the cooperative approaches are appropriate for all curriculum areas. The more complex the outcomes (higher order processing of information, problem solving, social skills, and attitudes), the greater are the effects." (Bellanca and Fogarty, 1991, p. 242)

It is important to understand the definition of cooperative learning. In cooperative learning, students work with their peers to accomplish a shared or common goal. The goal is reached through interdependence among all group members rather than working alone. Each member is responsible for the outcome of the shared goal, but cooperative learning does not take place in a vacuum. Cooperative learning groups empower their members to act by making them feel strong, capable, and committed. According to Johnson \& Johnson (1990), it is social support from and accountability to peers that motivates committed efforts to succeed. Not all groups are cooperative groups, and putting groups together in a classroom does not mean cooperative learning is taking place.

There are a variety of successful approaches to cooperative learning. Although it is clear to researchers that classrooms set up for cooperative learning produce superior academic, social, and personal results (Costa, Bellanca \& Fogarty, 1992), they do debate which is the "best" approach. Most classroom teachers adopt a single approach or a combination of approaches that work best with their own teaching style and their students. The most effective teachers pull the best from each approach and create their own approaches. Each teacher, each school year faces a complex and unique combination of circumstances, students, and needs. Therefore, cooperative learning needs to be adapted and refined to uniquely fit each teacher's situation.

Roger Johnson, a science educator, and his bother, David Johnson, a social psychology researcher, used their early studies of cooperative learning to frame the five essential elements that should be incorporated into each lesson. The Johnsons state that ALL cooperative learning is marked by these five critical characteristics. If all five are present, there is cooperative learning; however, if any one attribute is missing, there may be group work, but not cooperative learning. In order to have effective cooperative learning, the following five essential elements, as stated by Anderson et. al. (1988, p.5), are needed:

- Positive interdependence-- Each group member depends on others to accomplish a shared goal or task. It includes group rewards and role assignments used to encourage students to assist and help each other while completing the learning task. Without the help of one
member, the group is not able to reach the desired goal. "Together we stand, divided we fall" (Watchword of the American Revolution). Each member must understand that it is "sink or swim together."
- Face-to-face interaction--This is the physical arrangement of students in small, heterogeneous groups thereby encouraging and promoting success of group members by praising, sharing, encouraging, supporting, or assisting each other. Each member must orally discuss what he or she is learning and promote productivity among teammates.
- Individual accountability--Each group member is held accountable for his or her work and is responsible for the success and collaboration of the group and for mastering the assigned task. Members must feel personally responsible and accountable for contributing their fair share of the work. Individual accountability helps to avoid members "hitchhiking" or "piggybacking' on other group members' accomplishments.
- Cooperative social skills--"I never got very far until I stopped imaging I had to do everything myself." (Frank W. Woolworth) Cooperative learning groups set the stage for students to learn social skills. These skills help to build stronger cooperation among group members. Basic leadership, decision-making, trust-building, conflict-management, and communication are different skills that are developed in cooperative learning.
- Group processing-- Group processing is an assessment or a reflection of how groups are functioning to achieve their goals or tasks. By reviewing or analyzing group behavior, the students and the teacher get a chance to discuss special needs or problems within the group. Groups get a chance to express their feelings about beneficial and unhelpful aspects of the group learning process in order to correct unwanted behavior, reflect on how well they worked as a group to complete the task and how they can improve their teamwork, and celebrate successful outcomes in the group work.

These characteristics always overlap in most if not all cooperative lessons. Once these essential characteristics are established within the cooperative learning groups, students will display more complex social behaviors such as taking turns, sharing ideas, compromising, and
producing higher quality products. It is important to remember that all groups are not cooperative groups. These characteristics provide a skeleton for designing strong and effective cooperative learning tasks. They also provide an umbrella under which many cooperative strategies and activities may be used. These characteristics should act as a checklist for teachers as they develop their cooperative lessons to ensure the greatest success (Costa et al., 1992).

While working in cooperative groups, students learn to interact with their peers outside the school setting. When students interact with fellow classmates, they observe the behaviors those classmates exhibit. Although direct instruction of appropriate cooperative learning techniques by the teacher is necessary to establish age appropriate skills, it has also been found that students will learn from each other. Consequently, student modeling of a skill is often a more effective tool in teaching than adult modeling. Peer feedback and reinforcement are also more meaningful than adult feedback and reinforcement (Carter \& Sugai, 1989). Therefore, it is evident that direct instruction of cooperative learning techniques must be given before students can be considered appropriate role models for their peers. It becomes the job of the teacher to provide this instruction.

In a non-cohesive classroom, low-achieving students receive little social acceptance, are more aware of their low social status, and are likely to drop out of school. When they are allowed to work in a cohesive classroom environment using cooperative learning techniques, their academic interest increases, acceptance increases, and their school performance increases (McCafferty, 1990). According to Jones (1994), students who demonstrated positive social behaviors receive more positive interaction with teachers and achieve a higher rate of success.

Another method for promoting social and academic success is peer mentoring. For learners to take an interest and become involved in their own learning, they need purpose and ownership of that learning. Students learn far more when performing in the teaching role than when acting as passive learners in the classroom. Peer mentoring helps students learn from each other, both formally and informally, in their own age groups and across age groups and cultures. Not only will tutoring provide a practical tool for classroom teachers to help at-risk and slower-
learning students, it will provide a rich opportunity for students to develop bonds with their peers (Costa et al., 1992). The teacher's job is then defined as maximizing student learning efficiency by providing opportunities for students to participate in peer mentoring activities (Riessman, 1989).

Peer mentoring is a one-on-one situation where older students help younger students. Peers are used as instructional representatives for their classmates or other children. Older students enjoy working with younger students and find it rewarding. The older students feel important being the "teacher" (Leland \& Fitzpatrick, 1994). Younger students gain guidance and the feeling of security, while the older students gain the experience of working with younger students and have the opportunity to be positive role models. Older students learn new empathy for others. Their experience of trying to get younger children to cooperate gives new insight into their own behavior and builds strength in decision-making skills.

It is reported that mentoring increases benefits even more for the at-risk students and students with disabilities (Cartledge, Gardner \& Giesecke, 1993). The benefits of low achievers being mentors include: a better self-concept, greater self-confidence in academic performance, better relationships with others, improved classroom behavior, decreased absenteeism, and the opportunity to become role models. Low achievers often grow dramatically when given the responsibility of a younger child's learning (Shaw, 1973 as cited by Cartledge, Gardner \& Giesecke, 1993).

There is a need for defined structures and responsibilities for the older students, younger students, and the teachers. Teachers must be creative, flexible, and cooperative for the mentoring program to grow and succeed. It is very important for the older students to be cooperative and willing to help (Bennett, 1987). Mentoring integrates learning and friendliness; it nurtures patience, tolerance, respect, good humor, and affection (Swengel, 1991). Mentoring allows students to work and cooperate together in a relaxed classroom atmosphere. It provides ideal learning experiences because it combines intellectual subject matter and human relationships.

While the students' self-esteem is growing, they are also learning academic skills, listening skills, and the ability to speak with head and heart (Swengel, 1991).

Limited and short-term benefits are achieved when peer tutoring is used informally, but when this method is used in a more structured format, with procedures being taught on how to instruct, greater results are gained. One format could consist of teaching, reinforcing, and correcting instruction through student and/or teacher feedback. Within this structured format, the teacher could continue to reinforce and directly teach social skills.

A more structured model for peer mentoring designed by Ezell, et al., (1993) includes four components:

1. Planning--This phase includes identifying the skills to be taught, selecting the materials to be used, determining the procedures to implement, and selecting the time frame and frequency of mentoring. (Ezell, et al., 1993).
2. Training--This phase involves introducing the rationale for the skill to the mentors, modeling correct mentoring procedures, and permitting time for mentors to practice those procedures by role playing and encouraging each other.
3. Monitoring/evaluating--This phase is ongoing and includes teacher observations of start-up procedures, transitions, student interaction, and closure procedures. (Ezell, et al., 1993). Student progress and products are part of the evaluation process.
4. Problem-solving--This phase identifies problem areas in procedures; solutions are then generated and implemented.
Through this system, instruction is maximized, the resource pool of available "teachers" is increased, and sound academic principles are taught. Also, socially correct behavior is practiced and reinforced on a regular basis.

The most significant advantage of mentoring is the effective way teachers can maximize instructional influence and experience the opportunity to increase skill improvement. Although peer mentoring is most often used within the "older students teaching younger students" framework, it may also be used effectively with the younger students mentoring the older
students within a structured format. The younger students AND the older students would feel important, needed, and useful. Ultimately, it will be through this process of peer mentoring that students will build the necessary skills, personal confidence, and the satisfaction of learning together to become successful, responsible students.

Teaching to children's' multiple intelligences is another approach that can be used for behavior and social skills instruction. According to Gardner (as cited in Chapman, 1993), "everyone possesses at least seven intelligences and each person's blend of competencies produces a unique cognitive profile." Learners, influenced by the culture in which they exist, tend to favor certain ways of knowing and problem solving. In 1995, Gardner identified an eighth intelligence, the naturalist intelligence (Chapman, 1993). If it is believed that every child possesses eight intelligences and that every child can learn, then by practicing the theory of multiple intelligences in the classroom, we can help children learn according to their personal preference or appropriateness.

The intelligences Gardner identified are divided into three categories. The first category includes the two language-related intelligences. They are the verbal/linguistic and musical/rhythmic intelligences. The second category includes the four object-related intelligences. They are the logical/mathematical, visual/spatial, bodily/kinesthetic, and naturalist intelligences. The third category includes the two personal-related intelligences.They are the interpersonal and intrapersonal intelligences.

Based on the study of Caine and Caine (1990), "a focus on more holistic learning seems more brain compatible" (68). They found that the brain can process information simultaneously. The brain learns not only from the cognitive areas but from the affective areas too. They also found that each and every brain is unique. All of these findings suggest that an integrated approach to learning new things is very beneficial to the natural way people learn, grow, and develop. With the multiple intelligences theory, there are so many ways to integrate curricula. The integrated approach can be viewed as just another way to deliver instruction, or it can be
viewed as an opportunity to rethink and restructure what students learn so there is a focus on meaning and concepts rather than on facts alone (Chapman, 1993).

Teachers decide themselves what themes or units are useful or meaningful. From these themes or units, the teacher must select significant issues, concepts, ideas, and outcomes that will be woven across disciplines by using multiple intelligence strategies so connections regarding content can be made.

There are five models that can be used to integrate multiple intelligences into the curricula. They are the nested model, the webbed model, the threaded model, the shared model, and the integrated model. These models were developed by Robin Fogarty (Chapman, 1993).

The nested model provides the foundation for every lesson in the multiple intelligence classroom. This model allows for teacher analysis of what is being taught, and it outlines the important skills being addressed. This model can be used in two ways. Either way, the teacher targets a content goal and a core activity. Next, skills related to the goal and activity are selected. For example, social skills are easily nested into any content selected activity. The difference comes during the next step. The teacher can choose to incorporate one multiple intelligence (the target one) or to highlight more than one. If more than one intelligence is chosen, one is selected as the target intelligence and the others become supporting intelligences (Chapman, 1993).

The second model is the webbed model. In her research, Fogarty found that webbing is the most popular model of integration (Chapman, 1993). With this model, the teacher selects a unit, theme, topic, category, or even a piece of literature as the core of the web. Activities and projects to develop each intelligence, relating to the core, are webbed around it (Chapman, 1993).

Threading is another way to integrate multiple intelligences into the classroom. It involves taking a particular "intelligence" (one of the eight) and threading it through a series of lessons in different subject areas. For example, taking the musical rhythmic intelligence and threading it through reading, math, social studies, and science lessons (Chapman, 1993).

The fourth model is the shared model. In this model, topics and units from two related disciplines are integrated in a variety of ways. This integration also includes sharing multiple intelligences between the two disciplines.

The fifth, and most sophisticated model is the integrated model. It allows teachers to blend four or more disciplines. Again, with the blending of disciplines comes the blending of multiple intelligences. This model can facilitate the blending of four or more intelligences, many times in a single project.

Beyond these five models, there are many other possibilities for integrating multiple intelligences across the curriculum. The only limit is the imagination.

## Project Objectives and Processes

As a result of implementing a social skills development program during the period of September 1998 through February 1999, the targeted kindergarten and second grade students will increase their academic skills, listening skills, on-task behavior, and cooperation; and decrease physical aggression, verbal aggression, and talking out behaviors as measured by observation checklists, social skills inventories, student interviews, and teacher-made criterion based reference tests.

In order to accomplish the terminal objective, the following processes are necessary:

1. Teaching materials, including teacher-made tests, and data collection techniques will be developed to implement the explicit instruction of social skills and to assess student behaviors.
2. Direct instruction techniques will be developed to implement the social skills program.
3. Cooperative learning techniques will be employed.
4. Peer mentoring techniques will be established and implemented.
5. Multiple intelligence activities will be introduced in the classroom in reading and math.

## Project Action Plan

Classroom climate is an extremely important element that can enhance or inhibit the success of this research project. The teachers involved plan to create a risk-free, safe, trusting and encouraging environment where messages are consistent for all students. The environment will be created at the onset of the project and will be consistently developed, nurtured, and reinforced throughout the rest of the school year. This will be accomplished by the following methods:

- Arrange the furniture to foster peer interaction.
- Make the children responsible for what they say and do by following the "I Care" action plan described below.
- Provide a protective environment by being accepting of student's thoughts, feelings and ideas.
- Facilitate student success by encouraging remarks, positive reinforcement, and teaching questioning techniques and decision- making skills.
- Foster a sense of teamwork through activities such as making a team flag for each cooperative group, and always stressing that...
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A chieves
M ore
I. Explicitly teach social skills to students targeting listening, taking turns, encouraging others, following directions, negotiating and/or compromising
A. Modeling
B. Role-playing
C. Positive reinforcement

1. highlighting pro-social behavior and values
2. student recognition "I Care" messages
D. Enhancing self-esteem
E. Children's literature
F. Promotion of social understanding by dealings with spontaneous events
G. Develop a shared sense of membership in, and responsibility for their school community
H. Teach students the "I Care" plan, which is a discipline program, based on self-control and personal commitment to the rules
3. we listen to each other
4. hands are for helping, not hurting
5. we care about each other's feelings
6. we use "I Care" language
7. we are responsible for what we say and do
I. Continuous monitoring of student behavior
8. consequences
9. feedback
J. Consistent time management of varied activities
10. daily 30 minute "I Care" lessons
11. daily 30 minute whole group or small group instruction of specific social skills
II. Cooperative Learning
A. Teach students how to work in cooperative groups and value learning from each other in that manner
12. heterogeneous groupings
13. team building activities
14. cooperative social interactions
15. positive interdependence
16. individual accountability
17. shared product
18. group debriefing and processing
B. Consistent time management
19. daily 30 minute cooperative group activities
20. mentoring/evaluating
III. Peer mentoring between the second graders and kindergartners
A. Structured model
21. planning
22. training
23. problem solving
24. monitoring/reflection
B. Weekly 30 minute sessions
IV. Implementing multiple intelligence activities in the classroom
A. Integrate inter-disciplinary units incorporating multiple intelligence activities into the reading and mathematics curriculum
B. Bi-weekly, teachers will conduct four 15 minute station rotations, totaling 60 minutes

## Methods of Assessment

In order to assess the effectiveness of the intervention, the following tools and procedures will be followed:

1. Teacher-made tests: The teachers will administer a criterion-based reference test in reading and math for kindergarten and second grades with the criteria being a $90 \%$ mastery level. A pre-test will be given in September and a post-test will be given in January. The tests will be hand scored, and results will be recorded on a class master list.
2. Observation checklist targeting inappropriate behavior and teacher anecdotal notes: The teachers will observe the class each day for 18 weeks during reading and math classes beginning in September and ending in January. They will differentiate between morning and afternoon observations and make anecdotal notes. A check mark will be given if any student displays any of the behaviors on the list. At the end of each week, teachers will tally the number of times that inappropriate behaviors were displayed. These data will be kept on a class master list.
3. Social Skills Inventory: The teachers will observe cooperative learning groups daily targeting five social behaviors. The scale used will be symbols representing "frequently," "sometimes," and "not yet." At the end of each week, teachers will tally and record the frequency of pro-social behavior observed. The results will be kept on a class master list.
4. Student Interview: The teachers will interview each student twice. This will consist of five "what would you do/what if?" scenarios. One interview will be given before direct instruction of social skills to ascertain the students level of understanding regarding expected social behaviors. The same questions will be asked of the students at the end of the project. Their answers will be categorized as either a pro-social or anti-social response. Results will be records on a class master list. The teachers will create a rubric delineating criteria for pro-social and antisocial responses.

## CHAPTER 4

## PROJECT RESULTS

## Historical Description of the Intervention

This research project was designed to increase the targeted students' abilities to interact positively with their peers while enhancing their academic achievement. In order to accomplish this purpose, the teachers of the targeted classes focused on increasing the emphasis placed on direct instruction of social skills and on the opportunities for students to interact and collaborate in cooperative groups. The social skills targeted included listening, taking turns, encouraging others, following directions, and negotiating/compromising. To see how much the students knew about appropriate behavior prior to direct social skills instruction, the teacher researchers conducted a student interview. This interview was completed again after the research intervention, and a copy of the student interview questions and master lists can be found in Appendix E.

Teachers utilized modeling, role-playing, positive reinforcement, literature, and "teachable moments" when directly teaching appropriate social skills to their students. There was a continual focus on highlighting pro-social behavior and values. Students were recognized for their positive behavior in front of their peers with "I Care" messages read by the principal at "opening ceremony". "Opening ceremony" is when the entire student body and staff gather together in the gymnasium each morning before school begins. A sample copy of the "I Care" message can be found in Appendix F. This was a great way to enhance student self-esteem. The students were also taught the "I Care" plan which is a discipline program based on self-control and personal commitment to the rules. Daily thirty-minute implementation of "I Care" lessons and whole or small group instruction of specific social skills tool place. Samples of kindergarten
and second grade lessons can be found in Appendix G. Student behavior was continuously monitored by the use of observation checklists targeting inappropriate behaviors that were completed by the classroom teacher. Weekly totals summarizing these checklists can be found in Appendix H. Continuous feedback was also given to students with regard to acceptable or unacceptable behavior choices. The term consequence was discussed frequently and did occur if inappropriate choices were made. The teachers focused and planned carefully to ensure consistent time management and a variety of activities.

Daily thirty-minute sessions of cooperative learning took place in each of the targeted classrooms. Heterogeneous base groups were formed in September, and the members participated in several team-building activities. Teachers wanted their students to develop a shared sense of membership in, and responsibility for, their school community. The teambuilding activities were designed so students in each base group could get acquainted, develop a team identity, provide mutual support to one another, accept value differences, and develop synergy. A sample of a team-building exercise designed to develop synergy can be found in Appendix I. The cooperative groups were provided with plenty of opportunity for social interaction. Cooperative lessons were designed with positive interdependence and individual accountability in mind. The groups were evaluated on the processes of cooperative learning as well as a shared product. The targeted students were expected to use the social skills they were being taught during the completion of cooperative tasks. There was always time allotted for group debriefing and processing. The teachers believed the reflection process was a crucial component to student understanding and improvement with regard to cooperative group and social skills expectations. Beginning in September, cooperative groups were monitored on a
continual basis. Teachers began evaluating the base groups on a weekly basis at the end of October. Social skills inventories and weekly class master lists can be found in Appendix J.

Targeted students also participated in weekly thirty-minute peer mentoring sessions. Prior to mentoring implementation, teachers planned several training and mentoring lessons. Teacher planning began in early October, and it was followed by two weeks of student training. Students were expected to participate in peer training that included modeling expected behavior, role-play situations, reflection, and a teamwork training video. Social skills expectations continued to be highlighted and reviewed during training as well as consequences for inappropriate behavior choices. Problem solving was also an integral component of the peer mentoring sessions. Students dealt with questions such as: "Is this helping or not helping?" or "What could you do differently?" Teachers consistently monitored student participation and acted as facilitators during reflection/problem solving sessions. A sample of a peer mentoring lesson involving second graders and kindergartners can be found in Appendix K. These mentoring sessions were an efficient and effective way to increase student responsibility, provide opportunity for social interaction, and practice the skills being taught.

Multiple intelligence activities were also implemented during the intervention period. These activities were designed to address the reading and mathematics curriculum. Teachers planned and implemented four multiple intelligence stations twice a week. Each of the four stations was approximately fifteen minutes in length so one complete rotation would take about one hour. A sample of one weeks worth of rotations (eight activities) for kindergarten and second grade can be found in Appendix L. By incorporating multiple intelligence activities into the classroom, the teachers hoped to address the varied needs and learning styles of their students. Student academic achievement with regard to reading and math was determined by administering
criterion-referenced teacher-made tests before and after the intervention. A copy of these tests can be found in Appendix M.

In addition, the teachers committed themselves to planning and implementing a classroom environment that promoted honesty, trust and encouragement in order to foster student risk taking. This environment was created prior to the onset of this project, implemented at the onset of the project, and developed, nurtured and reinforced throughout the rest of the project and the school year. Teachers arranged the furniture to foster peer interaction, made the students accountable for their actions, and were accepting of student's thoughts, feelings and ideas. Teachers were also responsible for facilitating student success by fostering a sense of teamwork, by using encouraging remarks, by using positive reinforcement, and by teaching questioning techniques and decision-making skills.

Presentation and Analysis of Results
In order to assess students' knowledge regarding acceptable behavior and their ability to respond pro-socially, teacher-constructed interviews were conducted with each of the targeted students before and after the intervention took place. The five interview questions posed potential situations students may encounter. A copy of these questions can be found in Appendix A. During the interview, the students were asked to tell how they would respond in each of the simulated situations. A rubric, created by the teacher researchers, classified responses as either pro-social or anti-social. These data were aggregated by the month the interview was given and by grade level of the student responding. The findings are reported in the following table.

Table 4

## Student Interview Responses for Classes A and B

Class A (Kdg. Class B (Second Grade) Totals

| Sept. |  | Sept | Jan |  | Jan. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pro-social responses | 56\% | 93\% | 85\% | 97\% | 71\% | 95\% |
| Anti-social responses | 37\% | 7\% | 15\% | 3\% | 26\% | 5\% |
| No response | 6\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 3\% | 0\% |

The data show an increase in the number of pro-social responses for kindergartners, from $56 \%$ to $93 \%$ between the September ' 98 interview and the January ' 99 interview and an increase in the number of pro-social responses for second graders, from $85 \%$ to $97 \%$ during the same time frame. The data also indicate a decrease in the number of anti-social responses for kindergartners, from $37 \%$ to $7 \%$ between the September ' 98 interview and the January '99 interview and a decrease in the number of anti-social responses for second graders, from $15 \%$ to
$3 \%$ during the same time frame. Overall both classes showed an increase in pro-social responses and a decrease in anti-social responses.

The use of direct instruction of social skills in both classes appears to have had a positive effect on students' knowledge regarding acceptable behavior and their ability to respond prosocially. In addition, the table shows ALL students were able to respond to questions during the second interview given in January while not all responded in September. Researchers felt that by January, kindergarten students had a better rapport with their teacher and were obviously more self-confident and comfortable discussing the interview questions. They also seemed more willing to take risks in order to answer the questions posed by their teacher.

In order to document the extent of inappropriate behaviors displayed by the targeted students in classes A and B, behavior observation checklists were used. Teachers noted inappropriate student behaviors by making tally marks on morning and afternoon checklists. A copy of these checklists can be found in Appendix H. The targeted inappropriate behaviors included student-to-student aggressive interactions such as hitting, kicking, biting, pushing, and spitting. Inappropriate behaviors also included student-to-teacher interactions that were further divided into active and passive categories. The active category included behaviors such as talking, interrupting, noisemaking, getting out of seat, inappropriate language, and defiance. The passive category included behaviors such as playing in desk/cubby, daydreaming, and chair-tipping.

Weekly totals of specific inappropriate behaviors for class A and B for all twenty-one weeks of the project can be found in Appendix N. These data are presented in Tables 5 and 6 and summarized in Figures 7 and 8.

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Tables 5 and 6 make it very clear how significantly the behaviors in all three categories decreased from weeks four through twenty-one. By the completion of the research project, the categories of student-to-student aggressive behaviors and student-to-teacher passive behaviors were very minimal in kindergarten and nonexistent in second grade. Student-to teacher active behaviors occurred most frequently; however, there was a dramatic decline in the frequency of those behaviors as well. It is clear to the researchers that the "I Care" program mainly designed to address student-to-student aggressive behaviors had an impact on the targeted students' aggressive behavior. The students were clearly using the plan to help themselves make more appropriate decisions with regard to aggressive impulsive behavior. It is also believed that opportunities to practice appropriate pro-social behavior benefited the targeted students and their ability to listen, think, and compromise with one another. In addition, the teachers utilized literature as a means to enhance students' knowledge of appropriate pro-social behavior. Each day, books were read to students in the targeted classrooms. A variety of graphic organizers were used as tools for discussion of the stories and organization of students' thoughts, feelings, and comments related to them. A copy of the literature lists for Classes A and B can be found in Appendix N.

The observation checklist data for Class A and B can also be easily interpreted by analyzing Figures 7 and 8 below. These figures summarize the frequency of the observed targeted inappropriate behaviors shown collectively without the use of categorical groups. Figure 7 reflects the kindergarten results, and Figure 8 reflects the second grade results.


Figure 7. Observation Checklists Recording Inappropriate Behaviors for Class A (Kindergarten)
Figure 7 shows the observation checklist data recording inappropriate behaviors for Class A (Kindergarten). These data indicate that inappropriate behaviors encompassing off-task, aggressive, and defiant actions significantly increased from week one to week three. Beginning in week four, there was a steady decline in the targeted inappropriate behaviors that continued through week eleven. From week eleven through week sixteen, researchers noted a tumultuous period of recorded inappropriate student behaviors. Then from week seventeen through week twenty-one there was a dramatic decline in student misbehaviors. Many factors influenced student behaviors between week one and week twenty-one.

Researchers attribute the rise in student misbehaviors from week one through week three to a variety of factors. First, the students began the school year by attending class for only three hours during weeks one and two as opposed to the six and one-half hours attended the third week
of the school year. Second, with each attendance day, the students felt more confident and comfortable as they became acclimated to their new classroom environment. Also, as students were required to stay on task for a longer period of time, to complete assignments, and to be more independent, their inappropriate behaviors increased. In addition, teachers and students were experiencing a "honeymoon" period during the first two or three weeks of school. This was a time when students were on their "best behavior." As students became more comfortable with one another and their surroundings, they began to take more risks and test the limits and/or boundaries regarding acceptable behavior.

A steady decline through week eleven indicated that direct instruction of social skills resulted in less inappropriate behavior exhibited by the targeted students. However, as the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays approached, researchers noted a drastic increase in inappropriate student behavior during weeks fourteen through sixteen. During this time period, anticipation and excitement were obvious and directly affected the kindergartners' ability to focus, stay on task, and model pro-social behavior.

A steady decline through the end of the intervention indicated that students demonstrated an increased understanding of appropriate behavior and social skills. In addition, students increased their use of pro-social behaviors and skills, and they also demonstrated the ability to accept responsibility for choices made.


Figure 8. Observation Checklists Recording Inappropriate Behaviors for Class B (Second Grade)
Figure 8 shows the observation checklists recording inappropriate behaviors for Class B (Second Grade). Pre-intervention data (weeks one through three) showed a dramatic increase in anti-social behavior. Weeks four through twenty-one shows a steady decline in the targeted inappropriate behaviors. Researchers feel that as a result of the direct instruction of social skills, opportunities to practice the targeted skills, and positive feedback and reinforcement regarding social skills, second graders were able to significantly decrease their anti-social behavior.

In order to examine the effect of direct social skills instruction on academic performance, age-appropriate math tests were administered to the targeted 22 kindergarten students and to the

23 second grade students pre-intervention and 24 second grade students post-intervention. A copy of these math tests can be found in Appendix M. Researchers determined that the mastery level would be $90 \%$ or above. Figures 9 and 10 below illustrate students' scores on the mathematics pre-test and post-test.


## Figure 9. Math Scores for Class A (Kindergarten)

The figure indicates that of the 22 targeted kindergarten students who were tested in mathematics, only two students (9\%) scored at a mastery level of $90 \%$ or above on the pre-test as opposed to twelve students (55\%) who scored $90 \%$ or above on the math post-test. A majority of the students (91\%) fell below mastery level on the pretest while only $45 \%$ fell below mastery on the post-test. It is also important to note that on the pre-test $45 \%$ of the targeted kindergartners scored $50 \%$ or below. However, only $5 \%$ scored $50 \%$ or below on the post-test. Researchers believe these significant academic gains can be attributed, in part, to direct social skills instruction received by the targeted kindergartners. They were better listeners, more motivated to learn, and they accepted more responsibility for their own learning.


Figure 10. Math Scores for Class B (Second Grade)
Figure 10 shows the math scores for Class B (Second Grade). The figure indicates that of the 23 targeted second grade students who were tested in mathematics, no students scored at a mastery level of $90 \%$ or above on the pre-test. The results of the math post-test indicates that $38 \%$ of the second graders scored at a mastery level of $90 \%$ or above. On the pre-test, $100 \%$ of the targeted second graders fell below mastery. However, on the post-test only $63 \%$ fell below mastery. It is important to note that $52 \%$ of the second graders scored $50 \%$ or below on the math pre-test while only $4 \%$ scored $50 \%$ or below on the post-test. It is these children who score $50 \%$ or below who are believed to be most at-risk when considering achievement. Researchers believe these significant academic improvements can be partially attributed to direct social skills instruction the targeted second graders received. The second graders became more responsible for their own learning through increased knowledge of problem-solving, decision-making, and questioning techniques. They were also more willing to take risks.

An age-appropriate reading test was administered to the targeted 22 kindergarten students and to 23 second grade students (pre-test) and 24 second grade students (post-test). A copy of these reading tests can be found in Appendix M. Reading tests were given in order to assess their academic achievement. The researchers determined that the mastery level would be $90 \%$ or above. Figures 11 and 12 below document the results of the reading pre-test and post-test.


Figure 11. Reading Scores for Class A (Kindergarten)
Figure 11 indicates that of the 22 targeted kindergarten students who were tested in reading, only three students (14\%) scored at a mastery level of $90 \%$ or above on the pre-test as opposed to eleven students (50\%) who scored $90 \%$ or above on the reading post-test. A majority of the students (86\%) fell below mastery level in reading when pre-tested. However, only 50\% fell below mastery level on the reading post-test. When pre-tested, $55 \%$ of the kindergarten students scored $50 \%$ or below and were considered to be academically at-risk in reading compared to only $5 \%$ of the students scoring $50 \%$ or below on the post-test. Once again, researchers believe the comparable significant academic gains that were recognized on the math
post-test can also be attributed, in part, to direct social skills instruction received by the targeted kindergartners. Additionally, the use of multiple intelligence units enhanced the curriculum and seemed to have a positive effect on student motivation and participation.

## Figure 12. Reading Scores for Class B (Second Grade)

Figure 12 indicates that five second grade students (22\%) scored at a mastery level of $90 \%$ or above on the reading pre-test. Therefore, $78 \%$ of the second grade students fell below

mastery level when pre-tested in reading. However, sixteen students (67\%) scored at a mastery level of $90 \%$ or above on the reading post-test leaving only $33 \%$ of the second grade students falling below mastery level. The results of the pre-test show $35 \%$ of the targeted second graders falling below expectations ( $70 \%-80 \%$ range); however, $30 \%$ of the second grade students were
considered to be academically at-risk in reading due to scores of $50 \%$ or below. The results of the post-test indicate that $33 \%$ of the targeted second grade students fell within the $70 \%-80 \%$ range and no students were considered to be academically at-risk. Once again, researchers believe the comparable significant academic gains that were recognized on the reading post-test can also be attributed, in part, to direct social skills instruction received by the targeted kindergartners. Additionally, the use of multiple intelligence units enhanced the curriculum and seemed to have a positive effect on student motivation and participation.

Researchers wanted to determine the students' ability to perform social skills within cooperative base groups. Five specific social skills were targeted. These included listening to each other, taking turns, encouraging others, following role assignments, and negotiating and/or compromising. An inventory was designed to assess students' levels of success with regard to each of the targeted skills. A copy of the Social Skills Inventory can be found in Appendix J. The researchers utilized a scale for observed targeted behaviors. The scale consisted of student behaviors observed "frequently", "sometimes", and "not yet". The observations were divided into two, five-week periods. Each base group was observed twice. Copies of the completed social skills inventories for kindergarten and second grade can also be found in Appendix J . Results of the social skills inventories can found below in Figures 13 and 14.

Figure 13. Percentage of Students Displaying Behaviors Targeted in Social Skills Inventory for Class A (Kindergarten)

Figure 13 analyzes the results of the kindergarten base group observations. The figure shows each of the targeted behaviors and their frequency during weeks one through five and weeks six through ten. The figure indicates that there weren't any kindergartners who were able to listen to each other, take turns, encourage others, follow role assignments, and negotiate and/or compromise frequently during weeks one though five. This is noted by the absence of solid blue bars above each of the categories. However, during weeks six through ten, $22 \%$ of the kindergartners were able to frequently listen to each other, $26 \%$ were able to frequently take turns, $35 \%$ were able to frequently encourage others, $31 \%$ were able to frequently follow their role assignments, and $17 \%$ were able to frequently negotiate and/or compromise with their group members.

During weeks one through five, $61 \%$ of the kindergartners were able to sometimes listen to each other, $61 \%$ were able to sometimes take turns, $57 \%$ were able to sometimes encourage others, $48 \%$ were able to sometimes follow their role assignments, and $43 \%$ were able to sometimes negotiate and/or compromise with their group members. During weeks six through ten, $78 \%$ of the kindergartners were able to sometimes listen to each other, $74 \%$ were able to sometimes take turns, $61 \%$ were able to sometimes encourage others, $65 \%$ were able to sometimes follow role assignments, and $70 \%$ were able to sometimes negotiate and/or compromise with their group members.

During weeks one through five, $39 \%$ of the kindergartners were not yet able to listen to each other, $39 \%$ were not yet able to take turns, $43 \%$ were not yet able to encourage others, $52 \%$ were not yet able to follow role assignments, and $57 \%$ were not yet able to negotiate and/or compromise with their group members. During weeks six through ten, there weren't any students not yet able to listen to each other and take turns. This is indicated by the absence of a patterned
yellow bar above each category. In addition, only 4\% (one student) of the kindergartners were not yet able to encourage others or follow their role assignments, and $13 \%$ (three students) were not yet able to negotiate and/or compromise with their group members.


Figure 14 analyzes the results of the second grade base group observations. The figure shows each of the targeted behaviors and their frequency during weeks one through five and weeks six through ten. The figure indicates that during weeks one through five, $33 \%$ of the second graders were able to frequently listen to each other and $33 \%$ frequently encouraged others, $29 \%$ were able to frequently take turns and $29 \%$ frequently followed role assignments, and $25 \%$ were able to frequently negotiate and/or compromise with their group members. However, during weeks six through ten, $100 \%$ of the second graders were able to frequently listen to each other, $96 \%$ were able to frequently take turns and $96 \%$ were able to frequently encourage others, $92 \%$ were able to frequently follow their role assignments, and $88 \%$ were able to frequently negotiate and/or compromise with their group members.

During weeks one through five, $42 \%$ of the second graders were able to sometimes listen to each other, $50 \%$ were able to sometimes take turns, $46 \%$ were able to sometimes encourage others, $46 \%$ were able to sometimes follow their role assignments, and $54 \%$ were able to sometimes negotiate and/or compromise with their group members. During weeks six through ten, as indicated by the absence of a patterned red bar, $0 \%$ of the second graders were able to sometimes listen to each other, $4 \%$ were able to sometimes take turns, $4 \%$ were able to sometimes encourage others, $8 \%$ were able to sometimes follow role assignments, and $12 \%$ were able to sometimes negotiate and/or compromise with their group members.

During weeks one through five, $25 \%$ of the second graders were not yet able to listen to each other, $21 \%$ were not yet able to take turns, $21 \%$ were not yet able to encourage others, $25 \%$ were not yet able to follow role assignments, and $21 \%$ were not yet able to negotiate and/or compromise with their group members. During weeks six through ten, there weren't any students not yet able to listen to each other, take turns, encourage others, follow role assignments, or
negotiate and/or compromise. This is indicated by the absence of a patterned yellow bar above each category.

Teacher researchers began dividing their classes into heterogeneous base groups in September, and began building a foundation for successful peer interaction. Direct social skills instruction was used to teach students how to work productively in cooperative groups. Once base groups were formed, team building activities were used to foster a sense of belonging and comradeship From then on, daily, thirty-minute cooperative group activities were created and implemented. This gave the targeted students a daily opportunity to practice cooperative, social interactions. Each activity was designed so there was a positive interdependence among team members. Students were individually accountable for their assignment as well as accountable for a shared product within the framework of their base groups. At the end of the sessions, time was always taken to share and reflect. The teacher was responsible for facilitating, mentoring, and evaluating the cooperative group sessions. Formal base group observations began on October 30, 1998. From then on, one base group was formally observed each week making a total of two formal observations for each group. These observations ended on January 29, 1999.

When comparing weeks one through five with weeks six through ten, researchers noticed an increase in EACH of the five targeted social skill categories. They felt these increases may be directly attributed to the direct social skills instruction the students had received and from the opportunities they had to practice each of the skill.

## Conclusions and Recommendations

Based on the presentation and analysis of the data on direct social skills instruction and its effect on enhanced academic achievement, the students showed that as their social skills improved, their academic achievement also improved. According to behavior checklists, targeted students in both classes showed a decrease in student-to-student aggressive behaviors and student-to-teacher active and passive inappropriate behaviors. As noted in teacher journals, much less time and energy was devoted to correcting inappropriate behaviors as the intervention was implemented. This allowed more time for uninterrupted, on-task teaching and learning. Teacher researchers noted a decrease in the time spent repeating instructions; therefore, academic engagement increased. Through the use of daily direct instruction of social skills, opportunities to practice the skills being taught, and reinforcement of the skills, the children of the targeted classrooms appeared to internalize the skills being taught. This was shown by the students' increased ability to discuss and display pro-social behavior, problem-solve, and make appropriate choices for themselves.

A noticeable improvement was seen in the five targeted cooperative learning skills that included listening to each other, taking turns, encouraging others, following role assignments, and negotiating and/or compromising with one another. As a result of direct instruction and practice of these targeted skills, students were able to function much more effectively within their cooperative base groups. By the culmination of the research project, targeted students were able to listen, react, and respond with greater insight than they did at the onset of the project. Although all of the targeted social skills were important for enhancement of academic achievement for the targeted population, researchers felt that listening was the MOST beneficial
social skill taught. The students demonstrated more academic growth due to their increased listening skills.

Teacher researchers noted in journals that it was difficult for students to exhibit carryover of ALL the targeted skills taught. However, researchers observed that students demonstrated SOME transfer of pro-social behavior. As long as the students were in the presence of their teachers, there appeared to be a transfer of appropriate social skills to other settings; but it was found that when students were with other staff who did not have the same expectations, more anti-social behaviors were noted.

By training students to work effectively during peer mentoring sessions and providing them with opportunities to do so, the sessions proved to be highly motivating and productive for ALL students involved. They had increased enthusiasm, participation, and enhanced self-esteem when these sessions took place. Peer mentoring seemed to foster a sense of "TEAM" within the classroom and school and provided researchers with the opportunity to increase the quality and quantity of peer interactions.

Another highly motivating addition to the curriculum was the use of multiple intelligence activity centers and/or units. Not only did these sessions help to develop an awareness of students' personal learning styles, they also helped to develop a knowledge of multiple intelligences and activities within each of the categories. The use of these centers and/or units helped enhance students' higher-level thinking and decision-making skills. Through the use of journal entries, teacher researchers noticed that students were working together like a team, becoming more flexible, and becoming better communicators. Researchers believe that the theory of multiple intelligences is the key to opening the door of learning for ALL children.

Upon reflection of this action research project, the teacher researchers noted that in order to accomplish their project objectives, they had to completely commit themselves to the project with honesty, hard work, and perseverance. As a result of this project, researchers felt they were much better at focusing and staying on-task. The research methods used were found to be very objective. Researchers used a structured approach with well-defined criteria. This made analysis of data clear and precise. Targeting only five specific social skills was beneficial to the researchers and students due to the time constraints of the project because more time was able to be devoted to each targeted social skill allowing practice, mastery, and transfer. One way researchers discussed to enhance the success of this project would be to involve parents. By informing parents about the social skills activities occurring in the classroom, consistency could exist between school and home. Parents would have a better understanding of the expectations at school and how to reinforce those same or similar expectations at home. Therefore, we recommend parental involvement be included in future projects.

In conclusion, the teacher researchers believe a lack of age appropriate social skills is detrimental to students' learning. This action research project has served to reinforce this belief. In order for students to successfully function during group work, they must be able to display appropriate pro-social behavior. Because students seem to learn best by the use of direct teacher instruction, we recommend using this format for teaching social skills in the classroom. Furthermore, by increasing the use of cooperative learning, peer mentoring, and multipleintelligences activities, students are given many more opportunities to practice what they are learning and to internalize the skills. We suggest that direct social skills instruction, training, practice, and the implementation of the "I Care" program be incorporated as an integral part of the curriculum. The action plan followed during this research project was found to reduce
inappropriate behaviors and increase pro-social ones. Consequently, more time was available for engaged academic instruction and learning, and this resulted in enhanced academic achievement and personal growth.

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APPENDICES

# Appendix A Student Interview Questions 

## Student Interview

## Class

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1. What do you do when someone pushes you out of line?
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2. What do you do when someone hurts you? (hits, kicks, bites, slaps)
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$\qquad$
3. What do you do when you are angry?
4. What do you do when you lose a game?
5. What do you do when you have to do something that you don't like to do?

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## Appendix B

Interview Assessment Rubric

## Student Interview Rubric for Anti-social Responses

| Responses | Comments |
| :--- | :--- |
| Physical aggression (Hitting, Kicking, <br> Pushing, Shoving, Spitting, Biting) |  |
| Inappropriate language (Namecalling, <br> Using Swear Words, Threatening and/or <br> Intimidating others) | $\ldots$ |
| Crying |  |
| Tantrums |  |

## Student Interview Rubric for Pro-social Responses

Responses

| Taking Turns/ sharing |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Uses problem solving skills |  |
| Uses conflict resolution <br> skills |  |
| Ignores the problem/ walks <br> away |  |
| Uses any response that <br> conresponds with "I Care" <br> rules |  |
| Talks out the problem |  |

## Appendix C

Observation Checklist Weekly Totals（Weeks One through Three）

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## Appendix C <br> Observation Checklist Weekly Totals (Weeks One through Three) <br> Class B



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Appendix D
Team Acronym Poster


## Appendix E

Student Interview Questions

## Student Interview

## Class

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1. What do you do when someone pushes you out of line?
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2. What do you do when someone hurts you? (hits, kicks, bites, slaps)
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3. What do you do when you are angry?
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4. What do you do when you lose a game?
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5. What do you do when you have to do something that you don't like to do?
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## Appendix E <br> Student Interview Master List <br> Student Interview Master List

| Student Name | Pro-social Response | Anti-social Response |
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Appendix E
Student Interview Master Lists (Class A)
Initial Interview
Student Interview Master List


Appendix E
Student Interview Master Lists (Class A)
$2^{\text {nd }}$ Interview at conclusion Class $A$


Appendix E
Student Interview Master Lists (Class B)
Initial Interview
Student Interview Master List Sept 98.


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Post-Interview
Student Interview Master List


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Appendix F
I Care Messages

## I CARE MESSAGE

TO: $\qquad$

FROM: $\qquad$



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## OBJECTIVES:

To summarize and recognize what listening is
To demonstrate good listening skills

## - . INTRODUCTION:

After listening to the tape, say, "I-Care Cat was talking to us about being

## MATERIALS

S-2
1-Care Cat rape/CD
song: "My Name Is l-Care Cac"

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 good listeners. This will help us get to know each other and be good friends. How do we know when someone is listening to us?" Discuss what someone looks like when listening. Invite pairs of children to model good listening skills for che class. Afterwards ask, "Why is it important to be a good listener? How do you feel when someone listens to you?"
## * ACTIVITY:

Take the class outside to listen to the sounds in the environment. (If this isn't possible, bring in a tape of nature sounds for the students to listen to.) Have the children sit quietly with their eyes closed for one or two minutes. Tell them to listen for the sound of leaves, wind, birds, cars, voices, airplanes, machines, etc. When you get back - to the ctassroom, have the children tell/list sounds they heard. Model handwriting and sentence form by doing a shared writing experience. (While writing out the students' choices on the graph, point out beginning sounds, ending sounds, rhyming words and letter formation.) Discuss which sounds are part of nature and which are made by machines. Graph on either chalkboard or chart paper:

## EXAMPLE:



## CLOSURE:

"Listening helps us to understand what other people are saying and helps us learn new and interesting
things."
TEACHING SUGGESTION:
Brainstorm answers to the questions suggested in the Introduction.

## ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES:

1. Make a listening list as a shared writing lesson.
Today_Doris_ listened to _Karen_ On Monday, Harry listened to abindsinge. On Tuesday, $\qquad$ listened to $\qquad$ .
On Wednesday $\qquad$ listened to $\qquad$ .
2. Have children say different words while whispering, singing, talking loudly or softly; have the other children listen to the different levels of sound.

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OBJECTIVE:
To apply the skills/steps needed to make a friend
INTRODUCTION:
"Let's make a big circle. We're going to use our ears to listen to each other's names and find out what games others like to play. Friends call each other by their names. Here is a game that will help you make a new friend." Demonstrate the steps for the children: Look at the person. Smile. Say, "My name is $\qquad$ . What is your name? What games do you like to play?" Choose some children to practice. When the children begin to remember the steps, have them take turns going around the circle and introducing themselves to the children on both sides of them. "Isn't it nice to know each other's names? We learned everyone's name by
listening."

## ACTIVITY:

Musical Friends: This is a take-off on musical chairs, but no one is eliminated. Find a chair for each child. Arrange the chairs in two rows that face each other. Have children form a circle around the chairs. When the music starts, have children march around chairs. When music stops, have children sit in the seat closest to them and make a friend with the person sitting across from them. (Have them follow the "Making Friends" process from Introduction and S-4.) Repeat three times.

## ACTIVITY BOOK:

Complete "Making Friends" activity on page S-4. Assemble work together into a class book. Call the book The Friendship Booklet, or brainstorm other title ideas with the class.

## CLOSURE:

"Let's remember to practice the steps to make a new friend."

## TEACHING SUGGESTIONS:

After the activity, have the children introduce their new friend by name and tell what their friend llikes to do. The next day, see who can remember-what their friend said he or she liked to do.
Ask students, "If a new child comes into your class, how could you become friends? If you were a new child, how could you make new friends?"

## ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES:

1a. Tell the children that each of their-names has rhythri. Demonstrate this by clapping your hands to your name. (One clap for each syllable.) Clap each child's name and have children repeat. Teach the children the name chant.

Name Chant
Some names are shori; Some names are long;

Say your name And clap along! 1b. After all the rhychm chants are completed, have each child write his/her name on a self-stick note and then put the notes on a chart labeled "How Many Syllables Are in Our Names?" Each child takes a turn to put his/her name in the correct column.

## EXAMple:

| $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{3}{3}$ <br> John <br> Kim | Jose <br> Keisha |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | | Harison |
| :--- |
| Melissa |$\quad$ Elizabech

2. Using graph paper cut in two-row strips, pair the children to write names in the squares. Decide whether the name on top has more, fewer or the same number of letters as the bottom name. Have each child compare the names to his/her names. They can cut out and paste to construction paper.


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Draw and/or write one thing your new friend likes to do.


My friend's name is $\qquad$ -
(friend's name here)
likes to -
(friend's name here)
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Appendix G
Sample I Care Lessons (Classes A and B)



## I-Care Cat's Visit (2)

OBJECTIVES:
To describe how hands are used for helping, not hurting To identify different ways hands can help

## INTRODUCTION:

I-Care Cat tape/CD chart paper

Ater listening to the second section of the I-Care Cat tape/CD, "I-Care Cat was talking to us about different ways our hands can be helpful. What are some of the ways?"

## ACTIVITIES:

Ask different children to volunteer to roleplay different situations in which hands can be helpful. Have the other children guess what situations are being acted out:-
Brainstorm other ways hands cant be helpful. Make a chart of the children's answers and keep track of how often this behavior is observed.

Example:

| Share Crayons | Push in Chair | Clean Up |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
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## CLOSURE:

"By using your hands for helping, you can create a friendly classroom." Review I-Care Rules.

## ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES:

1. Read The Lorax by Dr. Seuss. Discuss how hands can hurt people and the environment, and how we can help.
2. Make a class book, "Hands are for Helping." Have each child illustrate and write one way hands are for helping. -
3. Have the children do joumal writing for either of these topics: "I can make my classroom friendly by ..." or "When is it important to cooperate?"
4. Have children predict which box in chart will get the most hands and discuss why. At end of unit, go back and see what happened. Discuss.

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Sample I Care Lessons (Classes A and B)

## Helping Hands



I can hold the door open for you. That is what my hands can do.


I can pick up something for you. That is what my hands can do. $\qquad$


I can help me, I can help you. That is what my hands can do.
"Helping Hands" from Peacemaking Skils for Litule Kids Concept Book, page 11

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Sample I Care Lessons (Classes A and B)


We use l-Care Language


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## I-Care Cat's Visit (3)

## 人) OBJECTIVES:

To identify I-Care Language words
To use I-Care Language with each other

## - INTRODUCTION:

## MATERIALS

S-16
I-Care Cat tape/CD
$0-0$ Sit in a circle and listen to the "I-Care Language" song on the I-Care Cat Tape/CD. "Let's say some of the words that are examples of I-Care Language. (e.g., please, thank you, excuse me, est..) When we use these words, we show respect. That means we care about the other person."

* ACTIVITY:

Children roleplay situations to show how people can use I-Care Language. Give them situations such as, "What do you say when your cousin is reading a book you want?" Have the children makeup. I-Care Language Charts to keep a record of how often they use their I-Care Language.

## Example:

Look Which I-Care Language Words I Used

| Please | May I | Can I Help? | Thank you | Excuse me | Sorry |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
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## CLOSURE:

"Using I-Care Language lets people know you care about them." Review thè I-Care Rules.

## - ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES:

1. Write I-Care Language words on chart paper and practice using them.
2. Make a chart and record each time I-Care Language is used. Look How Often We Use I-Care Language

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednerday | Thursday | - Friday | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Count } \mathcal{O} \\ & \text { Compare } \end{aligned}$ |
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3. Have children work in pairs or cooperative groups to make I-Care Language Charts.
4. As a shared writing lesson, write I-Care Language song on chart paper and have children draw pictures to add to the chart. Discuss punctuation and capitalization.




## - OBJECTIVE:

- To analyze the importance of I-Care Language
* INTRODUCTION:
"What are some of the words we learned to show we care about each other and show respect to each other?" (please, thank you, excuse me)


## 人 ACTIVITY:

Brainstorm I-Care words. Write a class story: "The Day the Word 'Please' Went Away," or, if you've already used chis, "The Day the Word 'Please' Came Back."

## - ACTIVITY BOOK:

Have the children draw/write a picture showing themselves using I-Care Language on S-20.

## * CLOSURE:

"Let's remember how important and caring we all are. Using I-Care Language makes others feel important and cared about."

## TEACHING SUGGESTION:

Have children share their pictures. Cut chem out from $\mathrm{S}-20$ and compile them into a class book.

## ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES:

1. Play a game to let everyone know we care about each other. Two children make a "bridge." (as in the London Bridge) Let each child walk under the bridge and get caught as the.whole class sings to the tune of London Bridge.
$\qquad$ says chank yoü, yes he/she does; yes, he/she does; yes, he/she does.
(Name) says chank you, yes, he/she does;
We all scy chank you.

Make up additional verses to the song. (May I, I'm Sorry)

## Example:

$\qquad$ says excuse me, yes he/she does; yes, he/she does; yes, he/she does.

- (Name) says excuse me, yes, he/she does;
We all say excuse me.

2. Use construction paper and have children make individual books showing at least four situations that were discussed usising I-Care Language.

Appendix G
Sample I Care Lessons (Classes A and B)

# PRACTICING 



Write what Kit Cat could say, using ICare Language.

Kit Cat

## 1. I want this toy, <br> please.


1.
2. Idon't know how to do this.
3. You stepped on 3. my toe!
4. I have no one
4. to play with.
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Appendix G
Sample I Care Lessons (Classes A and B)

## Using I-Care Language

Write about or draw a picture showing yourself using I -Care Language.

SPLEASE-THANK YOU-EXCUSEME-IM SORRY



## I-Care Statement

To solve conflicts in a peaceful way by learning the I-Care Statement.

## OBJECTIVE:

## *) INTRODUCTION:

"You know how there are rules to play baseball, rules to play games like
 Go Fish and rules for the classroom. There are also rules that help us to solve conflicts peacefully. The rules are:
(1) say the person's name;
(2) say how you feel;
(3) tell what happened to make you feel that way;
(4) say what you would like to happen."

This is called the 1-Care Statement.

## - ACTIVITY BOOK:

Have the children roleplay different situations using the following script (S-36):
(name) $\qquad$ ;
I feel_(how Ifeel) when $\qquad$ (what happened) and I would like $\qquad$ (what I would like to happen) Brainstorm different ideas. (someone pushes, pencil tapping, hair pulling, name calling, mean looks, erc.) CLOSURE: "I-Care Language is a responsible way to-stand up for ourselves without hurting other people."

## TEACHING SUGGESTIONS:

Photocopy S-36 and give each student a copy to tape to his or her desk as a prompt. Let families know that this skill will be-taught. Send a letter, with a copy of the I-Care Statement photocopied on the back, home with the student.
Let children know that they may feel more than one emotion at a time when using the I-Caré Statement. Have them refer to page S-27 for feelings.

## - ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Give the children sentence strips and have them write out the 1-Care Statement:

- (name) $\qquad$ ,
Ifeel - Chow Ifeel
when $\qquad$ (whathappened) and I would like $\qquad$ (what I would like to happen) -.
$\qquad$ -


## I-Care Statement

We can learn to solve conflict's in a peaceful way. We can use I-Care Language.

1. I say the person's name.
2. I tell how I feel.
3. I tell what happened to make me feel that way.
4. I say what I would like to happen.
$\qquad$
when and. $\qquad$

I would like you to $\qquad$ -

## Appendix G

## I-Care Practice



## OBJECTIVE:

To review and use the I-Care Statement

## INTRODUCTION:

S-37
pencil
"You did a great job of practicing the I-Care Statement yesterday. Now let's see if you can fill in the blanks of the I-Care Statements on page S-37."

## * ACTIVITY BOOK:

Have the children work in pairs and roleplay the situations on S-37. After the roleplays, have children complete S-37. Have each group share its statements with the rest of the class, and then discuss similarities anc differences.

## - CLOSURE:

"Now that you all know your I-Care Statements, you can resolve problems while still respecting other people's feelings."

## TEACHING SUGGESTIONS:

Set aside a few minutes each day to roleplay I-Care Statements until they become habit. To do so, you can change some of the words in the script on page S-37 to make up new situations.

EXAMPLE: . "Rfichael borrows my pencil ...". becomes "Kori uses my crayons ..."

## ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES:

1. Make a list of all of the feelings that the children wrote in their I-Care Statements on page S-37. Find out which feelings were written most often, least often, etc., and graph.
2. Have the children choose one of their l-Care Scatements to cut and paste onto a bulletin board or mural called "We Are Problem Solvers" or someching similar.
3. Have children list all of the places they can use I-Care Seatements and post a master list in the classroom.

Appendix G
Sample I Care Lessons (Classes A and B)

## Practice Using Your I-Care Statements

Talk in a nice way and watch your body language.
Michael borrows my pencil and breaks it.
| say:

$\qquad$ , I feel $\qquad$ when $\qquad$ and

I would like $\qquad$ -

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Susan writes on my paper. I say:

$\qquad$ , I feel $\qquad$
when $\qquad$ and

I would like $\qquad$ -

Mikaela eats the cookie that I was saving for dessert. I say:
, I feel $\qquad$
when $\qquad$ - $\qquad$

I would like $\qquad$ .


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ngint cning or to know what to say to people. We're going to practice saying the right
thing by roleplaying some situations that might really happen to you."
One at a time, have pairs of students roleplay each of the following situations: Someone skips wants to play with your best friend. You bump into someone. Someone shares a tor. You get a presen. Someone is sitting alone and crying. You want a toy that someone is playing with. Ask the class how so use 1 -Care language to solve each problem. Throughout the year, have
students continue to roleplay similar situations untill-Care language becomes a productive habit of mind.
Discuss: "What would our classroom be like without 1-Care language? In what ways are
t-Care language and respect asike?"

## - CLOSURE:

"It is important for all of us to learn to say the right thing. When we use l-C.Cre language,
we show respect for each other and let others know we care about their feeling." CURR|CULUM INFUSION ACTIVITIES:
Music:
Red Grammer's Teaching Peace Tape: "Use a Word"
Art:
Make posters that show scenes where I-Care language is appropplate and hang them around
the clasroom or he school. For example, saudents might make posters to show good table
manners and pur them in the cafeeceria.
Language Arts: a
Use I-Care words for spelling or vocabulary.
Have students brainstorsa itimes to sap "please," "chank you." "excuse me," and "sorry." Have
students develop skits to show appropriate use of 1 -Care language. They can use the roleplays
 Some scenes can depict different places where 1 -Care language is useful:
in a store in a restaurant
on the playground
on the playground
when meeting some
when meeting someone new
at the dinuter/lunch table

- STORY:!
at the dinuter/lunch table
Sony
Sorry by Susan Riley
- JOURNAL:
Respect is..
A time when I used I-Care language...

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| Making Friends |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
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| - OBJECTIVES: |  |  |  |  |
| To define che qualities of friendship. To practice expressive and receptive language skills (listening and speaking). To learn how to meet a new person |  |  |  |  |
| INTRODUCTION: <br> "Who has a friend? Who is a friend?" (We are all friends.) "How do friends treat each other!" List qualities. (Friends care, listen, shase, play nicely together, etc.) |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| ACTIVITY BOOK: PAGES 4 AND 5 <br> "How do we meet new friends? The first step is to introduce ourself. How do we introduce ourselves3" (Look at che person. Smille. Say your name and ask what the other person's name is.) "Let's practice introducing ourselves." (Pur children in pais.) |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Complete page 4. "Draw a picture of you and your friend meeting each ocher." Complete page 5. "Write some ways that you are a friend." |  |  |  |  |
| - Closure: |  |  |  |  |
| "Everyone wants to have friends and be a friend. It is important to be open to meeting new people and making new friends. It is also important to let everyone play and not will treat us like friends. exclude people becususe of differences. When we treat people like friends, thea they |  |  |  |  |
| * CURRICULUM INFUSION ACTIVITIES: |  |  |  |  |
| Language: |  |  |  |  |
| Materials: Hello Bingo or Human Scavenger Hunt paper (Sec appendix) <br> Use Heilo Bingo or Human Scavenger Hunt to have sudents practice Introducing them- |  |  |  |  |
| Language, Soclal Studies: <br> Have each student interview a classmate and share che information with the class by having students introduce their new friends. Have them share what they have in common and important or interesting facts about the person that they think the class should know. |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Language Arts: |  |  |  |  |
| Make a poem about what a friend is: |  |  |  |  |
|  | Friend: |  | A Friends | Example: ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |
|  | Friendly |  | No | Friend |
|  |  | or | Adjective Adjective | Nice, playful |
|  | Extraspectial |  | Adjective Adjective | Talking, playing, numing Happr, helpful |
|  | Nice |  | Noun |  |
|  | Dedicated |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |

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## Appendix G Sample I Care Lessons (Classes A and B)

## Caring About Feelings

OBJECTIVE:
To identify how we show feelings

## INTRODUCTION:

"When people are nice to us and care about our feelings, how do we feel? When people call us names and say mean things to us, what happens to our feelings? Let's read this poem together.".

Our feelings make us special, Each in our own special way.
Let's leam to share those feelings More helpfully each day.

Let's show.we care for each ocher In what we say and do. Let's make our world better For me and for you.

- ACTIVITY:
"I-Care Language is a good way to show people we care. What are some other ways we can show people that we care about their feelings?" Brainstorm ideas with the class. Make a class chart of how we show we care.

EXAMPLE:

| Ways We Show How WE Care |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Listen | Shake hands |
| Cooperate | Nod head |
| Smile at person | Thumbs up |
| Pat on back | -- |

## ACTIVITY BOOK:

Complete the activity on the bottom of S-24. Have the children share their picture and sentences/stories.

## 人 CLOSURE:

"Everyone has feelings. It is important to care about each other's feelings."

## 人 ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES:

1. Make a class book of the children's pictures and sentence/stories from S-24.
2. Have children glue paper plates to popsicle sticks to make masks. They can draw feelings they like to share ond faplings they like to keep to chemselves. Have them perform roleplays with their masks.


#  <br> -Care Cat's Visit (4) 

## OBJECTIVES:

To demonstrate that everybody has feelings To identify different feelings

## INTRODUCTION:

"I have a surprise in my pocket. It's something that belongs across my face.
Who can guess what it is?" Have the children make guesses. "Listen as I say
MAT ERIA LS -
S-23

- 1-Care Cat tape/CD
chart of poem "I've Got
someching in My Pocker"
I-Cane-Rules poster
yam, scissors a little poem and then you'll find out what's in my pocket." Recite the poem with you, acting out the actions:

> I've got someching in my pocket
> That belongs actoss my face.
> I keep it very close at hand in a most convenient place.
> I'm sure you wouldn't guess it if you guessed a long, long while, -
> $-\quad$ So I'll take it out and put it on
> It's a great big friendly smile.

The teacher plays the fourth section of the I-Care Cat tape/CD to introduce Rule 4 (We care about each other feelings) after the poem "I've got Something in my Pocket."

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## ACTIVITY:

The String Thing: Have the children stand fairly far apart. "We all have different 'comfort zones.' Our comfort zones are how much space around our bodies we need to feel comfortable. How close to, or how far away from, we like people to stand depends on our comfort zone. Our comfort zone can change depending on how we feel." Give each child a piece of yarn. "With the piece of yarn I've given you, figure out how far away from you you like people to stand. Put it on the floor and measure how large or small your comfort zone is. Once you've decided, cut the yarn where your comfort zone ends." After giving chem a few minutes to do this, have the children-lay out their pieces of yam in front of them. and compare with others. "At least for today, this yarn shows your comfort zone. As we can see, different people have different comfort zones. We need to respect each other's comfort zone and remember that our comfort zones may be larger if we are
sick, tired or grouchy."

## CLOSURE: -

" I -Care Cat told us that people have many different feelings. Lets review some of those feelings." (Brainstorm feelings.) "Remember that we need to care about each other's feelings."

## ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES:

1. Brainstorm a list of feelings. Sing "If You're Happy and You Know It," but change" happy" to each feeling the class comes up with. Add a new ending as well, e.g., "If you're afraid and you know it, tell a friend..." Brainstorm what you can do. Roleplay and demonstrate feelings.
2. Make a Feelings Chart for any story the children have read recently. Example:

| Who | Did what | $\vdots$ When | Why | How we Feel |
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- ACTIVITY BOOK:
"Follow the directions on page S-40 and make your own strategy wheel. Color them before cutting them out. Work with the person on your right. Spin the arrow and use the strategy the arrow lands on.* Play until
you've used.all the strategies suggested.". you've used.all the strategies suggested.".
Discuss: "Why is going first important? Why is it good to have a peaceful strategy to resolve this problem?"
*Directions for Rock, Paper, Scissors: Rock is a closed fist; Paper is a flat hand; Scissors is a fist with two fingers held out like scissors. Children count to three. On three, they make either Rock, Paper or Scissors. To win:
-Rock smashes Scissors
- Scissors cut Paper
-Paper covers Rock


## - CLOSURE:

"Which was your favorite strategy? You may use any or all of them to help you solve a conflict peacefully."

## TEACHING SUGGESTIONS:

Have the children glue S-40 to a piece of cardboard before cutting out the wheel.
Have the children brainstorm other games/strategies they can use to prevent a conflict.

## ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES:

1. Make a big strategy wheel for the class to use.
2. Write each strategy on a graph. Estimate which is the most popular, least popular, etc. Have each child write his/her name under the strategy he/she likes to use the most. Count the names under each strategy
and record the results. Write a language experience chart. and record the results. Write a language experience chart.


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## "WHO GOES FIRST?" WHEEL



Glue this page to a piece of cardboard. Cut ot the wheel and arrow. Put a paper fastener through the arrow and then through the cente of the wheel.-Choose a partner and practice these strategies.


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Lessons (Classes A and B) $\qquad$


We are responsible for what we say and do.


## Being Responsible

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## ADVANCED PREPARATION: <br> Before starting this lesson, bring two small potted plants (labeled "A" and " B "), potting soil and seeds to class.

## MATERIALS

## S-33

Two cups (labeled " $A$ " and " $B$ ") pencil
soil and seeds water

## * OBJECTIVES:

To test a hypothesis
To test a hypothesis

- To apply skills associated with responsibility by maintaining a science project
To predict outcomes
To predict outcomes
To analyze and draw conclusion from the differences between the hypothesis and the outcome


## INTRODUCTION:

" "Today we are going to be responsible farmers. We're going to learn what happens when we're responsible-and when we're not responsible."

## 人 ACTIVITIES:

1. Create a chart labeled "Plant A" and "Plant B." "What will happen to plant "A" if we're responsible?" List answers. "What will happen to plant " $B$ " if we're not responsible?" List answers.
2. Place two small plants next to each other, one labeled "A," the other, "B." Water plant "A," but leave plant " $B$ " alone. Have the children observe the plants each day and draw pictures each day of what is happening. (This is a good time for journal writing.) Have children assemble their drawings into a flip book.
3. After 2-3 weeks (but before plant " $B$ " dies), have children observe the condition of plant " $A$ " and plant " $B$ " and analyze what has happened. Have them compare their findings with their hypotheses. "Did they grow the way we thought they would?" Discuss. "Why do you think plant "B" looks sick? What can we do to save plant " $B$ "?

## * ACTIVITY BOOK:

Discuss the pictures on S-33. "Why did one plant grow so well and the other one wilt". Answer the question on S-33. Extend this to other things we take care of. (pets, little brother or sister, etc.)

## CLOSURE:

"When we don't take responsibility for things, they can get ruined and we feel bad."

## ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIE'S:

Children can use cups or milk cartons to make pors. Wrap them in construction paper and decorate. Next, take the class, or a small group, outside to collect dirt. Put dirt in the cartons. Make holes in the dirt and place a seed in each. (Pumpkin seeds and lima beans work well.) Cover seeds with dirt and water. Since some of the children's ṣeeds won't"grow, be sure to have some extra seedlings available. Have children take the plants home when they grow.
Have children discuss the difference between desirable plants (edible, beautiful) and weeds (ugly, kill other Have children discuss the difference between desirable planes (he school.
plants). If possible, have children pull weeds from around

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## BEING RESPONSIBLE



Which plant looks like somebody was responsible for taking care of it?


## Explain why you need to be responsible for your plants.

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## - OBJECTIVES:

To identify responsibility at home and/or at school
To compare and contrast responsibilities at home or at school

## INTRODUCTION:

MATERIALS
"We need to be responsible at home and at school because people depend" on us. How many of you have a job at home? Tell me what it is. What are some of the things we have to be responsible for at school?"

## ACTIVITIES:

1. Discuss responsibilities at home and at school.
2. Discuss: "What are some responsible things that you do at home that you can't do at school? What are some responsible things that you do at school that you can't do at home? What are some responsible things you can do in both places? What happens when we're not responsible?"
3. Choose one of the items children are responsible for. Discuss the importance of being responsible for it. Estimate and graph how many children do that activity. (e.g., taking care of pets)

## ACTIVITY BOOK:

Complete the list on S-34.

## - CLOSURE:

## Students Who Have Pets at Home


"Being responsible and taking care of things is important because people depend on us and need our help.Let's look at the I-Care Rules and see how each one helps us to be responsible."

## TEACHING SUGGESTION:

This is a good time to introduce recycling and how we take responsibility for our environment. (Around Earth Day would be an appropriate time also.)

## ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES:

1. Ask children what kinds of animals they would like to have and how they could be responsible for them. (See example)
2. Classify characteristics of pets. (See example) Look in magazines to find pictures that show the characteristics.

3. Responsibility Puzzles: Collect pictures that show people being responsible; one for each child. Cut each picture into $10-12$ pieces and put it in an envelope. Have children assemble their puzzles and write captions to go with their pictures.

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## IF YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE AND YOU KNOW IT

 Make a list of ways you are responsible. At Home At School1. 
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## Appendix G <br> Sample I Care Lessons (Classes A and B)

COOPERATION

- OBJECTIVES:

To sequence and organize components needed for cooperation
To interpret how cooperation is a solution to a problem
To construct cooperation problems

## INTRODUCTION:



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I-Care Cat tape/CD: "Cooperation" "What is cooperation? How can coop. eration help us to be better peacemakers?"
"Boys and girls, I have a problem that I don't know how to solve. It's about cooperation. Can you help me?"

## () ACTIVITY:

Attach the picture of ice cream to the board. "What is this?" Attach one of the " + " signs next to the ice cream, followed by the picture of milk. "What is this?" Repeat this procedure for the blender and then attach an "m" sign to the end of the equation. "Here is my problem. If ice cream, milk and the blender cooperate, I'm not sure what will happen. What do you think we'll get?" After brainstorming possible outcomes, attach the picture of the milk shake to the end of the equation. "That's right-we'll get a milkshake!"
Have students create their own cooperation problems. Pair children. Give each pair glue, scissors and paper. Have them draw pictures and then assemble them into cooperation problems.

## ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES:

1. To tie I-Care Cat into this activity, che teacher can make an I-Care Cat cooperation problem. Make a picture of l-Care Cat, a guitar and some musical notes. The equation would be "I-Care Cat+Guitar+Children= Music."
2. Use pictographs to make equations. For instance, Book+Eyes=Reading The teacher can have children roleplay equations. For instance, use a checkers game. Have two children come to the front of the class. Give one student the game board and give the other the checkers. Have the class brainstorm what will happen if the children cooperate.

## CLOSURE:

"Sometimes we have problems that we can't resolve by ourselves. If we cooperate, however, we can often create solutions that resolve our problems and make everyone happy."

## TEACHING SUGGESTIONS:

If the facilities are available, the teacher may want to create an actual milkshake and share with the children.

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\text { Have students write on page } 37 \text { what Jane and Jim can do wo solve the problem. }
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Additional Activity:
jeff came to school angry today. When he arrived as his classroom, Jeff yelled at Steve
because Steve's jacket was on his hook on the coat rack Jeff grabbed Steve's lacker and 7004 כрр wo Discuss: "What is the problem from Jeff's point of view What is the problem from Old Choices
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## We Are Responsible




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| * OBJECTIVES: |  |
| To recognize the benefits of playing cooperatively. To recognize that while each person has a special role, many people are incerdependent |  |
| () VOCABULARY: <br> sharing, depend, dependent, interdependent, cooperation vs. competition |  |
| * INTRODUCTION: |  |
|  | Discuss: "What are some games that you like to play alone? What games do you like play with others? Is it fun to play with someone else?" |
|  | Brainstorm some ruies children should follow when playing with ocher people. Write the rules on a piece of chart paper. Display these rules for children to refer to in the future. Discuss: "Why are these rules important?" |
|  | Discuss: "What does it mean to share? How can you decide who goes first in a game?" (rock, scissors, paper; odds and everns; flip a coin) lf children do not know rock, paper, scissors, teach them this strategy. (See page T-45) Practice. |
| 人 ACTIVITY: |  |
| Use a cooperative games book to find some games that need cooperation to play. Here ate two examples: |  |
| Alligator and the Lity Pad (similar to Musical Chalrs) |  |
| Put several pleces of green paper on the floor. Be sure there are enough so all children can stand on some spot. Play music. When the music stops, children must be on the paper or the alligator will catch them. Play music again, but take away some of the paper. Repeat until only a few students are standing on the paper. (To prevent pushing or injury, tell students that the alligator is friendly and likes to play this game. If it catches them, it won't hurt or eat them, so they don't have to tun away from it.) When there are only a few children left, ask: |  |
| Discuss: "How did it feel to not have a place to stand and be safel Could we make room for everyone on the paper that is left? How can we help save our friends? How does it feel when our friends are caught by the alligatorl" |  |
| Play the gatne again, this time encouraging the children to squish together so that the alligator can't catch any of them. |  |
| Discuss: "How do you feel when everyone cooperates? Why is it important to cooperate, rather than compete, when we play with our friends!" |  |
| Discuss the words "dependent" and "interdependent." "Dependent' means that we need someone else. 'Interdependent' means that we need each other. "On whom are we dependent?" (Parents, ceachers, doctors, police) "Ls there anyone who is dependent on youl" (Younger siblings, pets) "How does it feel when someone depends on ypul" |  |
| The Intcrdependent Puazle Search: <br> Materials: four puzales ( 25 pieces or less). Mark the back of each puzzle with the same color. Give each student a few same-colored puzzle pieces. Students must find others who have the same color as they do, and work together to assemble the puzales. |  |
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## OBJECTIVE:

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To create individual plans for peacefully resolving conflices
INTRODUCTION:
"We have learned all of the I-Care Rules, the I-Care Statement and many different strategies for solving conflicts peacefully. Now 1 would like each of you to create your own peace plan listing what peaceful steps you can take when you have a conflict with someone else."
© ACTIVITY:
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Complete "Peace Plan" on S-47. Have the children volunteer to share their peace plans. Have each child sign his/her peace plan. Make an I-Care Rule agreement.

## EXAMPLE:

I, $\quad$ agree to follow the I -Care Rules to make my classroom a friendly and caring
Signature

## CLOSURE:

"Now we each have our own peace plan that we can refer to when we want to resolve a conflict. We have learned that there are many ways of solving conflicts peacefully."

## TEACHING SUGGESTION:

Children may add to or revise peace plans at any time during the year

- ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES:

1. Write a peace essäy.
2. Have the children answer the question, "If you were the president, how would you try to keep peace in your country?"
3. Have the children design either a Peace Pole or Peace Flag to hang outside the classroom. The children can make peace bumper stickers and buttons as well. Have the children create original peace slogans.
4. Have a Culcural/Cooperative Festival Celebration. Each child is responsible for bringing in a meal from his/her family's country of origin. Put children into five groups and assign each group a job to help make the celebration a suecess.
Example: Group 1: Makes decorations
Group 2: Decorates the room
Group 3: Makes invitations for parents and other people who are invited
Group 4: Serves the food
Group 5: Cleans up the room
Discuss what will happen if the groups do not cooperate and do their jobs. Remind the children that everyone in the group is to participate. Congratulate the children on working together cooperatively to have a successful celebration.
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## Peacemaking Report



## OBJECTIVE:

To record data using the Peacemaker Report Form

## INTRODUCTION:

"We have been doing a wonderful job of learning and practicing our peacemaking skills. As a peacemaker, you can solve many conflicts yourself."

## ACTIVITY:

- Practice roleplaying the Peace Table process:
- Choose speaker and listener to begin
- Give anf-Care Statement
- Answer or respond to I-Care Scatement
- Switch roles listener/speaker
- Decide on solution

1. Demonstrate this process using 1-Care Cat and Kir Cat, or puppets of your choice.
2. Have two children demonstrate the process in front of the class using I-Care Cat and Kit Cat.
3. Have children practice the process in front of class and through paired activities at their seats.
4. Using make-believe situations, practice filling out the Peacemaking Report Form with the children. (S-46) Arrange the children in groups of three and have them make up conflict situations to resolve. One person will be the recorder. Rocate the rolls of the group so that all three children have the chance to be the recorder.

## $\Leftrightarrow$ CLOSURE:

"We can keep track of the number of conflicts in our classroom by being responsible and filling out the Peacemaking Report Form. You are all becoming wonderful peacemakers."

## TEACHING SUGGESTION:

Managing the Peace Table: Decide as a class, or tell the ctlass, when, how and where they can go for the Peace Table process and how they will return to their seats. Encourage children to use their strategies ( $S-40$ ) to decide who goes first. Work with the class to establish responsible behavior guidelines for when children are at the Peace Table.
Create a system for collecting and keeping the Peacemaker Report Forms. Count how many Peacemaking Report Forms were filled out each month. "Guesstimate" and compare if there were more or less conflicts each month.

## ADDITIONAL ACTIVITY:

Divide the children into five groups. Each group will be responsible for one I-Care rule. Have them make a class book showing the rules with pictures and short sentences to go with each rule. Share the book with other classes. Keep it in the class library.

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Have a Problem?
Talk it out,
Work together,
Don't scream and shout.
Problems don't just go away, It all depends
On what we do
And say.
Tell what happened,
Say what's true.
Listen to the other
Point of view.
Be polite, Don't name-call or fight.
Getting even
Just isn't right.
List ideas,
Things that will work. Say sorry if needed, Or fix what we broke.
Find a solution
That we both can do,
Try to find one
That fits me and you.


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Team Building Activity


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Team Building Activity

## Team Mascot

Cut out all the Team Mascot Pieces on the other page. In your team, build your team mascot. Then brainstorm ideas below. Use the back for more ideas.

1. What is your mascot's name?
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2. What do you do together?
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## Team Mascot Pieces



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$i$ Social Skills Inventory

## Social Skills Inventory

Teacher: $\qquad$ Class: $\qquad$ Date: $\qquad$

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## Week <br> $\qquad$ <br> Listening to each other

Class $\qquad$

## Taking turns

Encouraging others

Following role assignments

Negotiating and/or compromising
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Weekly Totals of Completed Social Skills Inventory (Class A)

## Weekly Class Master List for Social Skills Inventory

week $100{ }_{30}$ class Kind.

Listening to each other

Taking turns

## Encouraging others

Following role assignments

Negotiating and/or compromising


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Week

 Class Kind.


Listening to each other


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## Listening to each other

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## Weekly Class Master List for Social Skills Inventory

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Listening to each other


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Following role assignments


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Taking turns


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Following role assignments


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Week 1 Class B

Listening to each other


Taking turns

Encouraging others

Following role assignments


Negotiating and/or compromising


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Listening to each other

## Taking turns

Encouraging others

Following role assignments


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Week $\frac{3}{11 / 20}$

Listening to each other

Taking turns
Class $B$


Encouraging others

Following role assignments



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Weekly Totals of Completed Social Skills Inventory (Class B) $\backslash$

## Weekly Class Master List for Social Skills Inventory

Week $\frac{12-4}{4}$ Class $B$

Listening to each other

## Taking turns

Encouraging others

Following role assignments

Negotiating and/or compromising


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## Weekly Class Master List for Social Skills Inventory

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Taking turns

Encouraging others

Following role assignments


Negotiating and/or compromising


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Weekly Class Master List for Social Skills Inventory
Week 6 Class $12 / 18$

Taking turns


Listening to each other

Taking


## Encouraging others

Following role assignments


Negotiating and/or compromising


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Listening to each other


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Following role assignments


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Taking turns


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Week $\qquad$ Class $\qquad$

Listening to each other


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Encouraging others


Following role assignments


# Appendix K <br> Peer Mentoring Lesson 

## Pretend Paper Pizza Project <br> Peer Mentoring Activity (Kindergarten and Second Grades)

Procedure:

1. Discuss with classes what good listening looks like, feels like, and sounds like. Make a T-chart.
2. Explain that we are going to make a pizza for Mr. P. Discuss other things that Mr. P would like about this activity (eg. Project with partners, principal is watching, etc.)
3. Display the words to the song on overhead and sing together.
4. Brainstorm together verbs that could fit in this sentence: "I can $\qquad$ piżza."
5. Discuss the appropriate way to work with a partner. (sharing, taking turns, encouraging each other, etc.)
6. Explain project.

- We are making a pretend paper pizza with partners.
- The recipe is on the overhead.
- We will do one ingredient at a time.
- The pieces should be correctly colored with a partner: Sausage-brown mushroomsbrown; pepperoni-red; onions-white; green peppers-green; tomato-red; cheese-bits of yellow yarn.
- The pieces should then be cut out.
- Go back and recount the pieces according to the recipe.
- The pieces should then be glued onto the pizza.
- Second graders will answer the attached questions (problem solving) while looking at the recipe.
- Celebrate the finished product! Hold the pizzas and sing the song again.

7. Give each partner group an opportunity to reflect on the project.("How did yourwork together? Did you hear any encouraging words? What would you do differently?").

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## Pretend Paper Pizza Project

Name $\qquad$

1. Which ingredients have odd amounts?
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$\qquad$
2. Which ingredients have even amounts?
3. How many more sausages would you need to make 13?
4. How many more mushrooms would you need to make $10 ?$ $\qquad$
5. How many more pieces of pepperoni would you need to make 11?
6. How many more pieces of onion would you need to make 6 ? $\qquad$
7. How many more pieces of green pepper would you need to make 8 ? $\qquad$
8. How many more pieces of tomato would you need to make 6?
9. EXTRA CREDIT: How many ingredients are there IN ALL? $\qquad$

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## PIZZA!

(Sing to the tune of "Bingo")
There's something round we love to eat
And we know how to make it.
Pretend paper pizza
Pretend paper pizza
Pretend paper pizza
And we know how to make it!
It looks so pretty, we are so proud Cuz our pizza is perfect.
P-I-Z-Z-A
P-I-Z-Z-A
P-I-Z-Z-A
We wish that we could eat it!

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## Recipéfor Pretend Paper Pizza

10 pieces of sausage

8 mushrooms

7 pieces of pepperoni
5 pieces of onion

4 pieces of green pepper

3 piecees of tomato

Add bits of yarn for the cheese

## YUM YUM!

- Do one ingredient at a time
- Color the correct number needed
- Cut them out
- Recount and double check recipe
- Glue onto pizza
- Repeat these steps with the next ingredient

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## Multiple Intelligence Unit

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## Verbal/Linguistic Activities

1. Read: If You Give a Mouse a Cookie to the class. Brainstorm ideas of what students might ask for if you gave them a cookie. Record answers on chart paper. Make a class book based on the story. Example:
If you give (student fills in their own name) a cookie,
On this page, students trace a circle on brown construction paper, and cut it out. Next, they glue the cookie shape onto their page. Then, they finger paint chocolate chips onto their cookie, and place it in the hall to dry.
The second page will be given to students by the teacher. The page they will get will depend on whether they are a boy or girl.
Example:
(Boy page) he is going to ask you for (teacher fills in student response).
(Girl page) she is going to ask you for (teacher fills in student response).
To illustrate this page; students will draw a self-portrait including whatever it was they asked for.
The teacher will be responsible for organizing the pages and binding them together in book form. Approximately six.students per book. See example: enclö̈ed
2. The class will brainstorm words that begin with the letter " $M$ ", and the teacher will write those words on a GIANT "M" which will have been -previously taped to the chalkboard. The students will break into cooperative groups of five selected by the teacher. One student in each group will be the recorder. The cooperative groups will work together to . decide on their three favorite " $M$ " words from our list. The paper passer will pass out students' individual journals. 'Each cooperative group will take turns telling the class their three favorite words. As the groups share their words, I will write them on the overhead, and the students will write them in their journals. If more than one group selects the same word, we will acknowledge it by placing a tally mark beside that word. We may draw a picture by a word to help us remember it. For example, if one of the words a group selects is mouse, we may draw a simple mouse beside the word. When we are done, we will go back and discuss which words were the most popular, and how we figured that out.

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3. Read: If You Give a Moose a Muffin, and discuss the similarities and differences between this story and the story: If You Give a Mouse a Cookie.
4. Read: One Hungry Monster, and discuss the " $m$ "anners the monster had. Discuss what a "m"oral is in a story. Explain that a moral is a lesson. Discuss the moral of this story, or what was the lesson the monster learned, if any. Explain your answer.
5. Read: M\&M Book. Color your own M\&M Book and read it to a partner. Sample enclosed.
6. Have Ronald McDonald come to our school to do his program on morals and character. Prior to Ronald's visit, review what a moral of a story means. Explain to children that morals can also be things that people have depending on the choices they make. A person who has good morals makes good choices, and people who make poor choices don't have morals. Give the children several examples. For example, a person who tells the truth instead of telling a lie would have good morals.

## Logical/mathematical Activities

1. Each student will receive a Ziploc bag with ten M\&M's and ten marshmallows inside and a patterning worksheet (see attachment). The class will practice-patterning and counting activities with the real M\&M's and marshmallows. Then, students will use pencils to complete the worksheet. The students will use their real treats to figure out the answers to these questions:
How many M\&M's and marshmallows in all?
How many groups of 2 in 20 ?
How many groups of 5 in 20?
How many groups of 10 in 20?
Once students finish their tasks, they may eat their treats.
When students are done with their work, we will take a vote on our favorite way to count. Was it by 1 's, 2 's, 5 's, or 10 's? Make a human graph, and record the results on the chalkboard. Discuss which group came in first place, second place, third place, and fourth place.
2. Make a heart into mouse by following directions and sequencing the

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steps.
a. Cut out traced heart
b. Fold the heart in half, and glue the halves together.
c. Set the heart in front of you so the flat side is at the bottom. The point of the heart should be facing to the left and the hump should be on the
right. right.
d. Cut out a small heart, and glue it on for the ear.
e. Color in nose at the pointed end, and add whiskers.
f. Glue on wiggle eye.
g. Glue on a yarn tail.
h. (Optional) May add glitter " M " on the body for detail.
3. Use the felt board and pre-made felt shaped M\&M's for activities that correspond with the M\&M Book. The book asks students to use the M\&M's to make shapes, patterns, and to count.
4. Use the overhead and overhead money to practice a variety of mathematical concepts. For example, counting money, patterning money, exchanging money ( 10 pennies $=1$ dime, 2 nickels $=1$ dime, etc...) The students will complete a money worksheet so I can assess trouble
spots for students.
5. Cooperative groups of five (determined by the teacher) work together to create a mind map using only "M" words to practice their thinking skills, categorizing skills, and spelling skills. -Each group will receive a large piece of bulletin board paper with a big " $M$ " in the middle and four arrows, one pointing to each corner. Each corner will be labeled. The first one will be labeled Home; next, Carnival, next, Grocery Store, and last, School. In each group, there is one encourager, and the other four students will be responsible for recording answers under one of the four ${ }^{-\cdots}$ categories. The students in each group will try to think of " $M$ " words that would fit under each heading. For example, what are some " M " things at home: magazines, mail, movies. See one group example:


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## Visual/Spatial Activities

1. Students will illustrate their 2 pages for our class book If You Give a Mouse a Cookie. This activity was explained earlier.
2. Students will color a monster behind the door to correspond with the One Hungry Monster story. See attached example.
3. The whole class will participate in making a Venn diagram of the similarities and differences in the two stories we read:
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie
If You Give a Moose a Muffin.
4. Make a paper plate monkey at center time. See example.
5. Cooperative groups of five (student choice) work together to create a map of Letter People Land. The map must include:
Mr. M's house
Library
McDonalds
School
Bank
Park - These places must be labeled
Grocery Store
Gas Station
Mall
Roads from place to place
Students can include anything else the group agrees upon.
6. Students will complete the Missing Mouse Mitten Match worksheet activity. See enclosed example.

## Bodily/Kinesthetic Activities

! 1. Act out the Five Little Monkeys finger-play. This activity will

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correspond with the paper plate monkeys we will make. This poem will be typed out for the students to attach to their monkeys. Five little monkeys swinging in the trees, teasing Mr. Alligator, can't catch me. Along comes Mr. Alligator, hungry as can be, and he snapped that monkey right out of that tree. Repeat verse with four, three, two, and one.
2. Students will color a picture of Mr. M, and glue colorful macaroni, previously dyed by the teacher with alcohol and food coloring, to the " M " on Mr. M's body. The students may choose to glue the macaroni in a pattern or some other creative design.
3. The teacher thinks of a list of " $M$ " words for students to pantomime. For example, mouse, moose, monkey, mustache, mailman, etc... The students form cooperative groups of five (student choice). One student from each group is the actor, and the other four are the "guessers". The actors from each group come over by the teacher, and I give them the word they are to act out. We quickly brainstorm ideas, and they go back to their groups to begin. The other four take turns calling out answers until someone guesses correctly. Once all the groups have a chance to guess, the next group of actors come to the teacher to get their word. Every group member will have a chance to act at least once.
4. There will be a center set up for the week to resemble McDonalds. Prior to setting up the center, the teacher will go to McDonalds to get French fry containers, hamburger and fish fillet wrappers, cups, sacks, napkins, straws, and uniforms/hats:- The classroöm cash register, money, pretend food and condiments, and a sign saying McDonalds will be used. During center time, the children will have the opportunity to pretend to work, order, and eat at the restaurant.
5. The teacher will set up a magnet center for the week. The center will include a variety of magnets(horseshoes, wands, marbles, etc...), magnetic objects to match worksheet, non-magnetic objects to match worksheet. Students will use magnets to classify objects according to whether they are magnetic or non-magnetic. Students will cut items apart on the worksheet and glue them onto a yes column/no column worksheet. See attached example.

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6. The students will have an opportunity to sew a mitten that was prepared for them by the teacher.

## Musical/Rhythmical Activities

1. Teach students to do the "Macarena".
2. Sing the finger-play: Five Little Monkeys.
3. Sing the Mr. M song.
4. Sing the money song: "One Penny is Just a Penny".
5. Sing the "Months of the Year" song. Discuss which months begin with the letter " $M$ " (March and May). Does anyone have a birthday during these months?

## Interpersonal Activities

1. All of the cooperative activities discussed earlier.
2. Students will role-play appropriate manners and/or morals with a partner. The students will select a partner. The teacher will give one of the

- students a situation to role-play. They will discuss this with their partner and begin to role-play with one another. Some sample situations follow: a. Someone would like to play with your toy.
b. Someone is talking, but you have something to say.
c. Someone broke something that didn't belong to him.
d. Someone would like to join in your game.
e. Someone would like some more dessert.

3. Students will play the Memory Game at a center.
4. Students will play the Mitten Matching Game at a center.
5. Students will participate in a Mystery Bag Game we will play together as a class. Prior to the game, the teacher gets a pillowcase and fills it with items. Some of the items begin with the letter " M ", and some of the

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items do not. The teacher selects a volunteer to come and pick an item out of the bag. He/she has to show the item to the class, say what it is, and whether or not it begins with the letter " M ". The "yes" items go inn one pile, and the "no" items go in another pile. At the end of the game, when everyone has had a turn, count to see which pile had MORE items.

## Intrapersonal Activities

1: Students will reflect on their rugs about being mannerly and moral.
2. Students will reflect about their favorite activity this week. They will draw a picture of this activity for their portfolio.
3. Students will type on the computer about their favorite part of the McDonalds center in our room. Did you like pretending to work at McDonalds, or did you like pretending to order and eat at McDonalds? Why?
4. Students will reflect about the variety of activities they participated in throughout the week. What did all the activities have in common?

## Naturalist Activities

1. Take a field trip to the zoo. Pay particular attention to the monkeys. .
2. Äsk students to study the moon. Look at the moon at night. What shape is it? What other things do you notice about the moon? The next day, record student observations on chart paper.
3. Take a walk outside with your mom. Students should share things they learned about this week that have to do with the letter " M ".

What Weill Ask For If You Give Us A Cookie.....
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If you give
a cookie.

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Place a $9^{11} \times 12^{1}$ piece of brown construe. paper on top of same size piece of black. staple down left side. Use a brass fastener for door handle. Draw 4 rectangles on front.

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Color a paper plate BROWN and use for body.

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This is Letter Person


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## Unit Plan Using Multiple Intelligences

Unit: Life Science - Mealworms
Subject Area: Integrated Unit
Grade Level: Second Grade
Time Line: 4-6 weeks
Major Goals of Unit:

1. To observe, describe, classify by physical attributes the mealworm.
2. To use reading, writing, math, listening, and thinking skills to research and apply.
3. To hypöthesize what is true by conducting experiments.

## Verbal/Linguistic Activities:

1. Read Butterfly and Caterpillar to the class. Discuss vocabulary such as metamorphosis, chrysalis, larva, egg, adult, etc.
2. Prepare a bulletin board illustrating the life cycle of a mealworm.

Discuss-and then compare the life cycle of the butterfly to a mealworm--
3. Creative writing- "Life Through the Eyes of a Mealworm". Students are directed to write a story from the viewpoint of a mealworm. They must describe what they see, feel, hear, and do while they are the property of their "owner". Brainstorm ideas for content as well as ideas for a "good" first sentence following proper writing architecture.
4. Pair students up and have them explain the life cycle of a mealworm to each other.
5. Math-Write a story problem using mealworms as the focal point. For example, "There were 47 mealworm larvae on the table, but 29 of them escaped! How many were left?"
6. Hidden words- Use vocabulary words to generate a hidden word worksheet.

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## Logical/Mathematical Activities:

1. Play " 20 Questions" with the class. Have students take turns being the leader.
2. Graphic organizers: Attribute web, Venn diagram comparing caterpillar and mealworm, mind map of the characteristics of mealworms.
3. Analogies: For example, mealwom:pupa::caterpillar:chrysalis.
4. Story problems
5. Experiments with food, stimuli, mazes.

## Visual/Spatial Activities:

1. Illustrate the life cycle of a mealworm.
2. Make a mural of the life cycle.
3. Art-draw egg, larva, pupa, adult.
4. Creative dramatics-act out the life cycle. Make props.
5. Illustrate Journals
6. Graphic organizers.
7. Internet searches and research.
8. Create clay models of life cycle components.

## Bodily/Kinesthetic Activities:

1. Cooperative learning groups make cards of each phase of the life cycle. Sequence in front of room by having another student arrange the children in the correct spot.
2. Create a play, and act out the life cycle.
3. Take a field trip to Forest Park Nature Center. Discuss other insects with a similar life cycle.
4. Experiments-design a people maze.

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5. Create a mealworm dance with music.
6. Perform dance for another grade.
7. Create a pantomime.

## Musical/Rhythmic Activities:

1. Design an advertisement, perhaps to encourage people to buy - mealworms for pets or bait! Add music, sound effects, and artwork.
2. Compose a song about mealworms.
3. Create a rap.
4. Select music that correlates with each phase of the life cycle.

- 5. Compose a mealworm cheer.


## Interpersonal Activities:

1. E-mail pen pals and describe the unit to them. Tell them personal things about student's "pet" larva, pupa, or adult beetle.
2. Cooperative groups-design a maze with toothpicks. Add details such

- as mealworm police, mealworm hospital, mealworm bank, mealworm school, etc:

3. Make a group video of the play. Send it to pen pals and play at annual school Open House for parents.
4. Compose questions cooperatively and then interview third graders about what they remember and learned about mealworms. Then interview each other and compare answers.
5. Cooperative groups create a crossword puzzle using the vocabulary words that have been learned.
6. Storytelling.
7. Interactive interview with a guest speaker.

## Intrapersonal Activities:

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1. Maintain a reflective journal daily.
2. Create a double entry journal.
3. Writing activity-."If I Were A Mealworm I Would..." (In the Mind of...)
4. Poetry-"Ode to My Mealworm"
5. Learning Log-write facts that have been learned. May be used for assessment if needed.
6. "Adult beetle (or larva) for a day" writing activity.

## Naturalist Activities:

1. Speculate what larva could be used for (fishing, raising to sell, experiments, pets)
2. Take a field trip to a fishery, Sommer Park, Forest Park Nature Center.
3. Upon completion of unit, take a nature walk and set beetles free into their natural habitat.
4. Predict what will happen to them.
5. Describe their habitat now. Compare to "captivity."
6. Raise butterflies. Observe and record. Set free in natural habitat.

## Whole Class Learning Experiences:

1. Read books on metamorphosis.
2. Field trips.
3. Complete and conduct experiments.
4. Cooperative groups.
5. Dances, raps, plays, etc.

## Culminating Event for Unit:

"Open House"-Celebrate! Invite parents to visit. Show portfolios (attached example) and recreate some experimènts. Show class video and artwork and writing activities displayed.
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## Mealworm

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My mealuorm's name is
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1

# The Life Cycle of a Mealworm Draw and label... 



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## ＇What I＇d Ask my mealuorm＇＇

 Do mealworms like．．．．

LIGHT？＿＿－＿－＿or DARKNESS？

HEAT？＿＿－＿－＿－＿or CDLD？
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## Baseline Experiment

Which way will he go???????

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## Food Preferences

Does my mealworm like....

1. cornflake
2. potato
3. carrot
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4. candy
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5. raisin
6. water --------------
7. salt
8. 
9. 


10.

My mealworm liked the best of all. Yum! Here-is a picture of my mealworm eating his favorite food.

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## HOW FAR DOES MY MEALWORM TRAVEL IN: <br> 1. 10 seconds <br> $\qquad$ <br> 2. 30 seconds <br> 3. 45 seconds <br> 4. 1 minute

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Use adjectives starting with the letters below to describe your mealworm. Be creative!


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## HIDDEN WORDS FOR THE CURIOUS

Circle the creepy, crawly words down, across, or diagonally. Can you put the words in alphabetical (ABC) order?

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|  | ants |  |  |  |  |  | MEALWORM |  |  |  |  |  | worm |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | bees |  |  |  |  |  | slug SNAIL |  |  |  |  |  |  | polliwog |  |  |  |  |  |
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## Dde to My Mealworm



## Grood-byse......

We've been learning about mealworms And now we're done. We didn't know science Could be 50 much FUN!

We know all of these words And can tell you what they mean! Isn't that the greatest thing You've ever seen?!!!!
infinitesimal
molting
metamorphosis
life cycle
adult
larva

## pupa

hypothesis
lethargic
scientist
generation
observation mandible

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Criterion-Referenced Teacher-Made Reading and Math Tests (Class A)

| KINDERGARTEN READING |  |  |  |  |
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|  | MATCHING CAPITAL AND |  |  | E |
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| 8. P | b | d | p | a |
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## KINDERGARTEN <br> FREE RESPONSE

71. This is an oral assessment. The student must count to 50 correctly, without prompting, two out of three times to complete the standard. The teacher should note on his/her records the dates that skill was checked. Skills may be checked any time during second semester.
72. Provide each student with 15 cubes. Have the student separate 5 cubes from the pile of 15 . Have the student return the 5 cubes to the original pile of fifteen.
73. Provide each student with 15 cubes. Have the student separate 10 cubes from the pile of 15 . Have the student return the 10 cubes to the original pile of fifteen.

SCORES TO BE COMPILED WITH CRT ITEMS.

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## KINDERGARTEN <br> FREE RESPONSE

## 74. Use red, blue and yellow cubes to make a pattern.

Provide each student with six snap cubes, two red, two yellow, and two blue. Ask the student to make and explain an $\mathrm{A}-\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{C}$ pattern. Child gets 1 point for making the pattern correctly and 1 point for explaining the pattern.

Made pattern correctly: Yes ___ No ___
Explained pattern: ${ }^{-\cdots}$ Yes ___ No
75. Numerical Identification

Ask each student individually to tell you the name of the numeral as you point to it.

- Teacher: When assessing throughout 2nd semester, you do not have to use this form, but the numerals should always be checked "flash card method" and not in counting sequence.


## $\begin{array}{llllllllll}2 & 5 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 4 & 7 & 9 & 6 & 10\end{array}$

Scoring note: To receive credit, every numeral must be correctly identified.

## 76. Recite the days of the week.

Check individually (orally in correct sequence).
Scoring note: to receive credit, every day must be stated in order.

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The teacher should display for the child real coins: penny and nickel
77. When shown real coins, the child will be able to pick out (point to) the penny.

Yes $\qquad$ No $\qquad$
78. When shown real coins, the child will be able to pick out (point to) the nickel.

Yes $\qquad$ No $\qquad$
79. Have the student point to the square, rectangle, triangle, and circle.


One-on-one conference between child and teacher.

## 80. Tell me why we use a calendar. How does it help us? (accept any reasonable answer)

## 81. What would you use a calendar for?

(accept any reasonable answer)

## 82. Show me where the calendar tells which month it is. (child should point to month word on the calendar)

The teacher may use the calendar that the children use in their daily group lesson.


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## GRADE 2 READING

Circle the letters that make the ending sound for each picture.

## P


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ck
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## GRADE

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Circle the word that has the same vowel sound that youlhear in the first word.
7
girl give shout horn her

8

## try

penny
pie
toy
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9.

OSt band eat -- nine paw

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Read each sentence. Then read the four words under each sentence. Circle the word that makes sense in each sentence. The word must have the same vowel sound as the underlined word.

10 We went to find our new -.
car
then
pig
pet

## 11 I must go eat _. <br> now <br> _ lunch <br> fruit <br> - trunk

12 Dick will _ in the pool.
list
float
swim
dive

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## GRADE <br> READING

Read each sentence Then read the four words under each sentence, Circle the word that makes sense in each sentence. The word must have the same vowel sound as the underlined word.

## 13 Betsy told a funny <br> $\qquad$ <br> boat <br> joke <br> slow <br> way

14 My teacher is very -.
little

- . time -
kind
tall
15 The game got wet in the .
rain
snow
cake
bag

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## GRADE 2 READING

Read each sentence. Then read the four words under each sentence. Circle the word that makes sense in each sentence. The word must have the same vowel sound as the underlined word.

## 16 The boy found a worm in the <br> $\qquad$

 .Roy
ground
apple
soil
17 Last week I saw a bird that _ its wing.
first

- hurt
broke
store
18 At the circus the funny clown fell on the $\qquad$

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Circle the word that best completes each sentence.
P The boy was__rope.
jump. ..... jumping
jumped
19 Last week Tom and Jim ___ to the park.
walk . walking
walks - walked
20 When the mailman comes my dog barking barked barks bark
21. Mother-ts Tunch.:. .- -
cooks cooking
cooked cook
$\qquad$ .


Circle the word that best completes each sentence.

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\begin{aligned}
& 24 \text { know where my wagon is. } \\
& \frac{\text { aren't }}{} \begin{array}{l}
\text { hasn't }
\end{array} \\
& \hline 25 \text { have to be home on time. }
\end{aligned}
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26 Pat's dog is small. It's the $\qquad$ that I have ever seen. smallest tiny
test lest

27 We have three $\qquad$ of apples.
boxes
box
boys
foxes

28 Five blue __ were on the table.
herd
hurt
hates
hats

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## GRADE <br> READING

Write the root word at the top of each column of words.

## P

singer
sings
singing

29
cleanest
cleans
cleaning
played
player
playing

## GRADE <br> READING

Circle the word below that is the opposite of the word in the box.
31 As the boy walked through the mud puddle his shoes got dry.
pail wet set .. water
32 Billy was last in line.
funny walking first not
33 The car went up the street.
past on in down
Circle the word that makes sense in the sentence.
34 I _ a band coming down the street.
here music .. hear happy

35 The dog's _ was long and furry.
eye tail bone tale

36 Our flag is red, white and -.
green round blew blue

Circle the word that makes sense in both sentences.
37 The children played in the Father had to _ the car.
yard
clean
park
room

38 The men were _ a road. That _ is very tall.
building
place
fixing planning

39 The farmer keeps his pigs in a -. May I use your _ to write a letter?
desk pencil barn pen

What is the main idea of the story?
P
Ted's mother takes care of sick people all day. She is a doctor in a big hospital in the city. She likes to help people get well again. Ted wants to be a doctor some- day, too.

## The hospital iș in the city.

Ted's mother is a doctor.
Ted wants to be a doctor.
Ted's mother helps people.

Ann went to the circus with her dad. She had some good food to eat. Then she sat down and saw some lions.- She saw a funny man who made her laugh. It was a very good day at the circus.

Ann had a good day at the circus.
$\qquad$ Ann likes to eat good food. At the circus, Ann saw lions. Ann laughed at a funny man.

## What is the main idea of the story?

41
It was summer. Ben and Maria wanted to do something fun. So Ben went to Dad and said, "Can we go for a ride in the boat?" "Yes, we can," said Dad.
Ben and Maria had fun on the boat ride with Dad. They saw a turtle in the water, and a duck with beautiful feathers. Ben and Maria saw a bear in a tree next to the pond. It was like going to the zoo!
$\qquad$ Dad said Ben and Maria could go for a boat ride.
$\qquad$ Ben and Maria saw a turtle.
Ben and Maria saw a bear in a tree. Ben and Maria had fun on the boat ride.

May's funny pet Mack is a very fast monkey. He can skate as fast as May. He can run as fast as lightning.

He is the fastest pet on May's street.
$\qquad$ May has a pet.
Mack is a fast monkey.
Mack can skate.
May can skate.

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## GRADE 2 READING

Directions. Read each story. Place an X on the line by the correct answer.

Today, my mother and father are taking us to the beach. The water at the beach is cold. It feels good on a hot day. I love to splash in the waves. I like to look for shells near the water. The beach is a lot of fun.

43 What is the main idea of this story?
___ I like to look for shells near the water.

- The beach is a lot of fun.

The water feels good.
_-_ I like-to splash in the waves.

44 What time of the year were we at the beach?

Directions. Read each story. Place an X on the line by the correct answer.

Ann lives and works on a farm. She grows food for her cows and hens. Today, Ann will plant corn seeds. She will bring food to the cows. Later, Ann will get eggs from the hens.

45 What is the main idea of this story? $=$ Ann will get eggs. Ann will plant corn seeds. Ann does work on the farm. __ Ann wants to move to the city.

46 Why did Ann plant corn?
__ Corn is Ann's favorite food.
__ Corn is food for cows and hens.
__ Corn grows on all farms.
__ Corn is food for lions.

## GRADE 2 READING

Directions. Read each story. Place an $X$ on the line by the correct answer.

Bobby made a very good toolbox. He used his saw, hammer, and some nails. Bobby's mother helped him a little, but he did most of the work. Before he put the tools in the box, Bobby painted it-red. Then he used it to help his friends build a treehouse.

47 What is the main idea of this story?
___ Bobby had a saw.
__Bobby's mother helped him a little.
__Bobby made a toolbox.
__ The toolbox was red.
48. Number the sentences to show the order that they happened in the story.
__ His mother helped him a little.
__ After putting his tools inside, he helped his friends build a treehouse.
__ He painted it red.
Bobby used his tools to make a toolbox.

# GRADE READING 

Directions. Read each story. Place an X on the line by the correct answer.

Last night, I did not feel very well. Today, Dad said. that I had to stay in bed and sleep a lot. I could not see my friends. It was no fun.
49. What is the main idea of this story?
$\qquad$ I could not see my-friends.
$\qquad$ It is no fun to be sick.
$\qquad$ I felt great today.
___ Dad said I had to stay in bed and sleep a lot.

## GRADE

Read the sentence and question. Circle one answer.
50 The man walked into the house to get a drink.
Where did the man go?
The man into the house walked to get a drink

51 The boys and girls will do math after lunch in the room.

When will the children do math?
in the room . . after lunch
the boys and girls will do math

52 The little girl is jumping rope on the playground with her friend.

Who is jumping rope?
is jumping rope with her friend the little girl on the playground

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| Read the sentence and question. Circle one answer. |
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| 53 Dad went to the store to get candy for |
| everyone. |
| What did Dad go to get? |
| the store |
| Dad |

Number the words to show $\mathrm{a}-\mathrm{b}-\mathrm{c}=$ order.

Baby Chick7
A Dog for Ben .......... . 10
The Little Green Turtle . 15
TWO
A Cowboy's Day . . . . . . . 19
The Fireman's Hat . . . . . . 24
Spaceman Sam . . . . . . . . . 28

Circle the correct answer to each question.
58 On what page does the story about space begin?
28
10
24
7

59 What story begins on page 10 ?
The Little Green Turtle A Dog for Ben
Baby Chick
A Cowboy's Day
60 Which story is in Part One?

Spaceman Sam
The Little Green Turtle

A Fireman's Hat
A Cowboy's Day

## GRADE <br> Read the directions and do what they say to do.

P Write your name in the box.
Circle the first 2 letters in your name.

61 Draw 3 short lines in this box.
Write your name on the last line.

62 Draw a picture of a string in the box. Put 3 red beads on -this string.

63 Write a word on each of the lines.
Underline the word on the top line in red.


## GRADE : 2 READING

Read the story. Place an X on the line by the best answer.
P
Mike and Dick went fishing.
They rode their bikes to the pond.
First they looked for sticks to fish with.
Then they found a good place to sit.
They both got a lot of fish.
a What did the boys ride to the pond?
$\qquad$ their birds
$\qquad$ their bikes
$\qquad$ their bills
$\qquad$ their car
b What did the boys do at the pond?
__ They went swimming.
They played on the swings.
They cut the grass.
___ They went fishing.

C What can you tell about the fishing at the pond?
$\qquad$ It was good. It was not good.
$\qquad$ It was warm.
___ All the fish got away.

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Last Saturday the boys were playing ball. Mike said, "I can't find the ball. You hit the ball so far that it may be in the pond. But, let's look over here in the high grass.": Mike and Ted began to pull the high grass apart. There they saw five eggs. Mike put out his hand to get an egg. "Oh, oh! My hand!" Mike cried. "Quack, quack!" said the mother duck as she went after Mike. Away the boys ran!

Place an X on the line by the correct answer.

64 What is the main idea of this story?

- The boys pulled the grass apart.
_ The boys found duck. eggs.
_ Some baby ducks quacked.
__ The high grass was green.

66 What was the mother duck doing?
__ eating grass
__ swimming in the pond
__ watching over her eggs
__ flying over the lake

65 Where did the boys find the eggs?
under the mother duck

- in the pond
___ in the high grass on the playground ${ }^{-}$

67 Who were the boys in the story?
... Mike and Frank
_ Mike and Ted -
__ Mike and Mark
__ Ted and Mark

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68 Number the sentences to show the order that they happened in the story.
$\qquad$ The boys found five eggs.
The boys ran from the duck.
Mike and Ted were looking for their ball in high grass.
_- Mike put out his hand to get an egg.
69 When did the story take place?
___ last week-end

- last summer
$\qquad$ last Saturday
___ the other day

70 What happened to Mike's hand?
-. His hānd slipped into the pond.
The duck bit Mike's hand.
Ted stepped on it.
He cut his finger.

71 What did the boys find in the grass?
___ their ball
____ chicken eggs
___ their ball glove
$\qquad$ duck eggs

## GRADE

Most baby snakes stay inside their shells for two or three months.

Then the baby snakes come out of their shells. About half of the baby snakes are males. About half are females.

Each baby snake has a tiny tooth, called (1) an egg tooth. When the little snake is an egg tooth. When the little snake is
ready to come out of its shell, it makes a hole in the shell with its egg tooth. Then it crawls out through the hole.

A few hours later, the egg tooth will fall off. The baby snake does not need it anymore.

## $\therefore$ Place an X by the correct answer to the questions. <br> 72 How long do baby snakes stay inside their shells?

> 1 or 2 months
> _ 2 or 3 months
> _ 3 or 4 months
> _ 2 or 3 days.

73 What is the baby snake's tiny tooth called?
__baby tooth

- front tooth
_ egg tooth
__small tooth

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74 How many baby snakes are male?
__ none of the snakes
_ all of the snakes
_ most of the snakes

- about half of the snakes

75 When does the baby snake'lose its egg tooth? - when it grows longer
_ when it goes to sleep
-after it is hatched from the egg
$\qquad$ before it is hatched.

76 Each baby snake has a tiny tooth. Which word below means the same as tiny?
.. big
__ little
__ shell
—hard

## GRADE

One summer day, Amelia Bedelia decided to look for a job. She walked for a block or so. She saw a sign in a window. It said FILE CLERK WANTED. "Now I wonder what a file clerk is?" she said. "I'll just go in and find out."

A man met her. "Are you a file clerk?" he asked. "I will be one," said Amelia Bedelia, "if you will tell me what to do.".:
"All right, " said the man. "First, take these letters. They need stamps.
Then file these papers."
"Inll do that," said Amelia Bedelia. The man went into his office. Amelia Bedelia looked at the letters.
"Now should I stamp them all at once or one at a time?" she thought. "I better do them one at a time." So Amelia Bedelia took each letter. She put it on the floor. And Amelia Bedelia stamped on it.
"There," she said. "That should be enough stamps. Now I better get these papers filed." Amelia Bedelia looked at the papers. Then she looked in her purse. She found a fingernail file.
"It sure is small to file all these papers. But I will do the best I can." And Amelia Bedelia begañ to file the papers.

The man came back. "Stop"' he said. "What are you doing!" "Just filing your papeis," said Amelia Bedelia. "Do you have a bigger file?" --'Oh, no!'"
said the man.

Put an X in front of the correct answer to the question. You may look back. 77 Where did Amelia Bedelia go to find a job?
$\qquad$ the grocery store ___ the zoo
$\qquad$ an office __ the park
78 Who is the main character in this story?
a man

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79 What did the man want Amelia Bedelia to stamp?
$\qquad$ the floor ___ the letters __ some packages ___ her hand

80 What do you think happened after the man came back into the room?
$\ldots$.. He said, "Good job!"
__ He said, "Clean up the mess and leave."
__ He said, "Il like the way you stamped the letters."
__ He said, "Would you file my nails?"
81 What did the man ask Amelia Bedelia to do_first?
$\qquad$ stamp the Jetters file the papers answer the telephone put the letters on the floor

82 What is the main idea of the story?
_ Amelia Bedelia was good at her job.
-- Amelia Bedelia found a job she could not do right.
__ Amelia Bedelia could not find a job.
__ The man was pleased with Amelia Bedelia's work.

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## GRADE

Anthology - Once Upon A Hippo
Put an X before the correct answer.
83. On what page of the glossary would you find the word bank?


84 On what page of the glossary would you find the word listen?

- 123 $\cdots \quad 126$

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- 125

85 On what page of the glossary would you find the word trace?

- 123

127
126

## GRADE <br> 

## THE WOLF'S CHICKEN STEW

here once lived a wolf who loved to eat more than anything else in the world. As soon as he finished one meal, he began to think of the next. One day the wolf got hungry for chicken stew. All day long he walked across the forest looking for a delicious chicken. Finally he spotted one. "She is just perfect for my stew," he thought. The wolf crept closer. But just as he was about to grab his meal, he had another idea. -- "If there were just some way to fatten this chicken a little more," he thought, "there would be all the more stew for me." So. . . the wolf ran home to his kitchen, and he began to cook.

First he made a hundred tasty pancakes. Then, late at night, he left them on the chicken's porch.
"Eat well, my pretty chicken," he cried. "Get nice and fat for my stew!!'

The next night he brought a hundred tasty douğhnuts.
"Eat well, my pretty chicken," he cried. "Get nice and fat for my stew!"

And on the next night he brought a delicious cake weighing a hundred pounds.
"Eat well, my pretty chicken," he cried. "Get nice and fat for my stew!"

At last, all was ready. This was the night he had been waiting for. He put a large stew pot on the fire and set out joyfully to find his dinner.
"That chicken must be as fat as a balloon by now, " he thought. "Let's see."

He peeked into the chicken's house.

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Put an $X$ before the correct answer to each question. You may look back in the story.

86 Think about what happened in the story. What should the wolf see as he peeked into the chicken's house?
$\qquad$ a marching band
_a family of wolves
a fire in the fireplace $\qquad$ a big, fat chicken
87. What= is the main idea: of the story?

The wolf was looking for a friend in the forest.
$\qquad$ A hungry wolf tried to fatten a chicken to make stew.
$\qquad$ The wolf brought bread, pies, and = candy for the chicken to eat. The wolf began to cook in his kitchen.

88 . Where did the wolf find the chicken?

- on a farm
___ in his kitchen
___ on the porch
___ in the forest

89 When did the wolf leave food on the chicken's
__ late at night
___ this morning
_- one day
___ all day long

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91. Who were the main characters in this story?
___ a pig and a wolf
___ a cook and a wolf
$\qquad$ doughnuts and a chicken
$\qquad$ a wolf and a chicken

92 Number the sentences to show the order that they happened in the story.
__ The wolf went to the chicken's house and peeked in.

The wolf spotted a chicken as he walked through the forest.
__The wolf cooked pancakes, doughnuts and cake in his kitchen.

He wanted to fatten the chicken he found.

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93 Why did the wolf want to fatten the chicken?
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There would be more stew for him. He was going to sell it.
$\qquad$ The chicken asked for more food.
$\qquad$ Because he was șick.

94 Which word in this story means the same as delicious?
__ pretty
___ nice
___ tasty
__hüngry

95 Which word means the same as night?
afternoon
___ evening
___ morning
__ day

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## GRADE TWO MATHEMATICS

1. Add. Circle the sum.


|  |  |
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|  |  |
| A. | 4 |
| B. | 7 |
| C. | 8 |
| D. | 9 |

2. Add. Circle the sum.


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3. Add. Circle the sum.
4. Subtract. Circle the difference.

5. Subtract. . Circle the difference.

6. Subtract. Circle the difference.


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9. Add. Circle the sums.

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$\underbrace{\substack{38 \\+43 \\ \hline \\ \hline \\ \text { Subtract. Circle the difference. }}}_{\text {13. }}$


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17.Add. Circle the sums.

A. 311
B. 758
C. 759
D. 768
18. Add. Circle the sums.

A. 674
B. 874
C. 890
D. 894
19. Add. Circle the sums.

A. 889
B. 899
C. 909
D. 999
20. Subtract. Circle the difference.

A. 760
B. 767
C. 650
D. 750
21. Subtract. Circle the difference.

A. 651
B. 641
C. 551
D. 541

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Choose the number sentence that fits the story.
22. 7 children went hiking.

5 children stopped to rest.
A. $5+2=7$ children

How many children were
B. 7-3 = 4 children.
still hiking?
C. 7-5 = 2 children
23. There are 5 children going
to the party. 8 children will join them later at the party.
How many children will be at the party?
A. $8-5=3$
B. $-5+8=13$
C. $13-8=5$
24. Plan your school lunch. You need 16 sandwiches in all. Choose the box that has enough sandwiches.
A.

B.

C.

25. Jane has 14 hairclips.
Angela has 9 hairclips.
A. $14-9=5$
How many more hairclips
B. $14-4=10$
does Jane have?
C. $14-5=9$
26. The family went to a baseball game at 1:00 o'clock. They stayed for 4 hours. Ring the answer that shows when they
A. $5: 00$
B. $9: 00$
left the game.
C. $4: 00$

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## GRADE TWO <br> MATHEMATICS

COMPLETE COUNTING PATTERN. CIRCLE THE MISSING NUMBER.
32.

699, $\qquad$ , 701
A. 698
B. 600
C. 700
33.
A. 399

400, 401
B. 300
C. 390
34.
A. 18

15, 17, , 21
B. 19
C. 16
D. 20

- $\quad 35$.
A. 900,1000

400, 500, 600, $\qquad$ B. 600,700
C. 800,900
D. 700,800
36.
A. 396

390, 395, __, 405
B. 397
C. 401
D. 400
37.
A. 904

910, 920, 930,
B. 931
C. 940
D. 935

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COMPLETE COUNTING PATTERN. CIRCLE THE MISSING NUMBER.
38.

548, 550, 552, $\qquad$
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A. 554
B. $\because 553$
C. 551
D. 526
39.
$60, \ldots, 80,90 \quad$.
A. 81
B. 65
C. 70
D. 90
40.

465, 470, 475, $\square$
A. 481
B. 480
C. 476
D. 485
41.

$$
805, \quad 815,820
$$

A. 801
B. 806
C. 810
D. 851
42.
$600,700,800$, $\qquad$ $;-$
A. 801,802
B. 810,820
C. 900,1000
D. 900,100
43. $836,838, \ldots, 842$
A. 837
B. 839
C. 841
D. 840
44.

70, 180, 190, $\qquad$
A. 200
B. 191
C. 189
D. 210
45.

100, 200, 300, $\qquad$
A. 400,500
B. 500,600
C. 400,600
D. 300,400

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46．Choose the number of hundreds，tens，and ones．


A． 802
B． 280
C． 208
D． 281

47．How many are there？


A． 854
B． 584
C． 580
D． 574 ＝

48．How many are there？


A． 40059
B． 549
C． 459
D． 457

49．How many are there？


A． 30013
B． 320

品品品
C． 323
D． 332

50． 857 is the same as
A． 8 hundreds， 7 tens， 5 ones
B． 8 hundreds， 5 tens， 7 ones
C． 8 hundreds， 5 tens， 5 ones
D． 7 hundreds， 5 tens， 8 ones

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## GRADE TWO MATHEMATICS

Choose odd or even.
51.

52.

A. odd
B. even
53.

A. odd
B. even-
54.

A. odd
B. even
55.


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> GRADE TWO MATHEMATICS
MEASURE TO THE NEAREST INCH. RING THE CORRECT ANSWER.

A. 4 inches
B. 2 inches
C. 5 inches
D. 3 inches
57.
A. 5 inches

B. 4 inches
C. 6 inches
D. 3 inches
58.
A. 2 inches
B. 3 inches
C. 6 inches
D. 1 inch

A. 4 inches
B. 9 inches
C. 5 inches
D. 2 inches
A. 1 inch

B. 3 inches
C. 6 inches
D. 8 inches

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## GRADE TWO <br> MATHEMATICS

MEASURE USING THE CENTIMETER RULER. RING THE CORRECT ANSWER. 61.
A. 7 centimeters

B. 6 centimeters
C. 5 centimeters
D. 4 centimeters
A. 14 centimeters
B. 16 centimeters
C. 13 centimeters
D. 15 centimeters
63.
A. 2 centimeters

B. 4 centimeters
C. 1 centimeter
D. 3 centimeters
64.

A. 11 centimeters
B. 5 centimeters
C. 14 centimeters
A. 5 centimeters
B. 6 centimeters
C. 4 centimeters
D. 3 centimeters

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## GRADE TWO MATHEMATICS

CIRCLE THE WORD THAT TELLS WHERE THE "X" IS.

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## GRADE TWO MATHEMATICS

71. Count on by 10s. Choose the next number.

$$
37,47, \quad \therefore \quad \begin{aligned}
& \text { A. } 48 \\
& \text { B. } 57 \\
& \text { C. } 27
\end{aligned}
$$

72 . Count back by 10 s . Choose the missing number.

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
\quad, 78,88 & \begin{array}{l}
\text { A. } 98 \\
\text { B. } 77 \\
\end{array} \\
\hline
\end{array} \text {-. С. } 688
$$

73 . Count on by 10s. Choose the next number.

$$
780,790, \quad \begin{aligned}
& \text { A. } 700 \\
& \text { B. } 800 \\
& \text { C. } 799
\end{aligned}
$$

74. Count back by 10 s : Choose the missing number.
, 350, 360
A. 380
B. 390
C. 340
75. Count on by 10s. Choose the next number.
A. 530

510, 520,
B. 350
C. 550

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## GRADE TWO MATHEMATICS

IDENTIFY COIN. CIRCLE CORRECT ANSWER.
76.

A. quarter
B. dime
C. nickel
D. penny -
A. quarter
B. dime
C. nickel
D. penny
78.
A. quarter-
B. dime
C. nickel
D. penny
79.
A. quarter
B. dime
C. nickel
D. penny

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## GRADE Two MATHEMATICS FREE RESPONSE



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Rosa has 12 fish hooks. She gives away 6 of them. How many fish hooks does she have left?

26 Jan collected 50 baseball cards. Alan collected 30 baseball cards. How many more baseball cards did Jan collect than Alan?

27 Sue collected 14 toy cars. She gave away 9 of them. How many toy cars did Sue have then?

28 Juan finds 9 pink shells. Then he finds 9 white shells. How many shells does he find in all?

There are 6 children playing ball. Then 9 children join them to play ball. How many children are playing ball in all?

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38 Count in order. Write the missing numbers.

88, $\qquad$
$\qquad$ __, $\stackrel{-}{-}$ , 95

39 Count in order. Write the missing numbers.

| 501 | 502 |  |  |  | 506 |  |  |  | 510 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

40 Count in order. Write the missing numbers.

| 991 |  |  |  | 995 |  |  |  |  | 1,000 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

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Write in the correct sign: $\rangle,\langle$, or =
41

## 25


.19

## 42

39


51

43

## 432



432

$$
487 \bigcirc 378
$$

45

## 725



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## GRADE Two MATHEMATICS FREE RESPONSE

Write the times.


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Mrs. White's second grade class visited a farm.
They decided to make a list of things they saw.
12 cows


3 tractors 気会
6 hens
4 haystacks


2 barns


10 sheep


Make a graph of what they saw.


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Count the value of groups of quarters, dimes, nickels and pennies.


53


55

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## Appendix N Literature List (Classes A and B) <br> Suggested Literature List Targeting Social Skills For Kindergarten Through Second Grade

## Aesop's Fables

Aliki. The two of Them
Aliki. We Are Best Friends
Asch, Frank. Bread and Honey
Berenstain, Stan \& Jan. The Berenstain Bears and Too Much Teasing
Berenstain, Stan \& Jan. The Berenstain Bears Learn to Share
Berry, Joy. Let's Talk About Teasing
Berry, Joy. Teach Me About Listening
Bosch, C. Buily on the Bus
Bonsall, Crosby. It's Mine! A Greedy Book
Bougeois, Paulette. Franklin Goes to School
Bougeois, Paulette. Franklin is Bossy
Bougeois, Paulette. Franklin is Messy
Bougeois, Paulette. Franklin's New Friend
Bougeois, Paulette. Franklin in the Dark
Bougeois, Paulette. Franklin's School Play
Bougeois, Paulette. Franklin's Secret Club
Bougeois, Paulette. Franklin is Lost
Bougeois, Paulette. Franklin Wants a Pet
Bougeois, Paulette. Franklin's Blanket
Bridwell, Norman. Clifford's Manners

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Brown, Marc. Arthur's Nose
Brown, Marc. Arthur's Eyes
Brown, Marsha. How, Hippo!
Brown, Marsha. Once a Mouse
Buerger, Jane. Obedience
Carle, Eric. The Grouchy Ladvbug
Carle, Eric. The Mixed-Up Chameleon
Carlson; Nancy. ILike Me
Cleary, Beverly. Ramona the Pest
Cleary, Beveryl. Freckle Juice $=$
Cohen, Miriam. Will I Have a Friend?
The Cheltenham (PA) Elementary School Kindergartners. We Are All Alike... We Are All Different

Cox, David. Bossyboots
Cuyler, Margery. Freckles \& Willie
Demuth, Patricia Brennan. The Ornery Morning
DePaola, Tomie. Now One Foot. Now the Other
DePaola, Tomie. Oliver Button is a Sissy

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DePaola, Tomie. Strega Nona
De Regniers, Beatrice Schenk. May I Bring a Friend?
Dragonwagon, Crescent. IHate My Brother Harry
Dudley, Dick. The Troll Pop-Up Book of Manners
Duvoisin, Roger. Our Veronica Goes to Petunia's Farm
Evans, Katherine. The Boy Who Cried Wolf

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Fiday, Beverly. Patience
Fiday, Beverly \& Crowdy, Deborah. Respect
Friskey, Margaret. Indian Two Feet and His Eagle Feather
Friskey, Margarer. Indian Two Feet and His Horse
Gambill, Hennetta. Self-Control
Glazer, Tom. The More We Get Together
Goley, Elaine. Learn the Value of Responsibility
Goley, Elaine Learn the Value of Manners
Goley, Elaine. Leam the Value of Self-Contol
Grimes, Nikki. Oh, Botherl Someone's Fighting
Guifoile, Elizabeth. Nobody Listens to Andrew
Hale, Inna. How I Found a Friend
Hallinan, P.K. That's What a Friend Is
Hoff, Syd. Who Will Be My Friends?
Hoffman, Mary Amazing Grace
Hutchins, Pat. The Doorbell Rang
Hutchins, Pat. Good-Night Owl!
Joyce, Irma. Never Talk to Strangers
Katz, Bobbi. I'll Build My Friend a Mountain
Krasilovsky, Phyllis. The Man Who Didn't Wash His Dishes
Lionni, Leo. Fish is Fish
Lionni, Leo. Frederick
-- . Lionni, Leo: Swimmy

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Lystad, Mary. Millicent the Monster
Masteller, Sally. Feelings A to Z
McGovern, Ann. Little Wolf
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Numeroff, Laura Joffe. If You Give a Mouse a Cookie
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Oram, Hiawyn. Angy Arthur-
Palmer, P. Liking Myself
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Schure, M. 1 Can Problem Solve
Vogel, Ilse-Margaret. The Don['t Be Scared Book
Waber, Bernard. Ira Sleeps Over
Weissman, "Miss Jackie". Sing About Martin

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