Parent Guide: Kindergarten

FOCUS STANDARD 1: CHOICES HAVE CONSEQUENCES.

Content
(Class content may vary as it is a part of the curriculum developed by your school and not prescribed by the state of Kansas.)

Kindergarten content focuses on the Sense of Self and that Choices have consequences. Students will study self-awareness and individual experience with choices and consequences through history, geography, economics, and civics/government.

Students Should Understand That . . .

- Choices cause change.
- Every choice comes with a cost.
- We make choices for many different reasons.
- We don’t always know what will happen when we make a choice.

CONCEPTS/IDEAS

The following are concepts and ideas that your child may encounter at this grade level.

technology, customs, symbols, happiness, rules, leader, authority, conflict, friends, location, directions, seasons, home, school, neighborhood, community, Kansas, goods, services, wants, needs, money, earn, save, spend, resources

QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT ASK YOUR CHILD

What was the most important choice you made today?

Why did you make that choice?

Were you glad you made that choice?

If you could make that choice again would you make the same choice?
Competencies

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT
YOUR CHILD:
- demonstrates an understanding that making mistakes is normal.
- asks for help when needed.
- demonstrates helping behaviors to those who feel hurt or sad.

CULTURAL
YOUR CHILD:
- feels good about themselves.
- doesn't make others feel bad.
- can be friendly to everyone.
- knows when people are being treated unfairly.
- will do something when they see unfairness.
- says something or tells an adult if someone is being hurtful.
- is kind even if they don't like something said or done.

HISTORY
YOUR CHILD:
- uses personal experience and observations to gain information.
- compares and contrasts experiences and traditions.
- identifies and predicts choices and consequences

CIVICS/GOVERNMENT
YOUR CHILD
- follows classroom rules and agreed upon rules for discussion.
- participates in collective decision-making.
- makes choices based on understanding consequences.

GEOGRAPHY
YOUR CHILD:
- creates and uses mental maps of the classroom and school.
- makes general observations about place and relative location.
- draws a map and gives directions of classroom and school.
ECONOMICS
YOUR CHILD:

- makes choices and understands consequences of spending and saving.
- makes choices about sharing with others.
- explains and gives examples about their personal wants and needs.

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