

Citizenship

Pulling Together

Overview:

Ages: 4-6 years

Through demonstration, children see how one person's actions can affect others.

Materials:

Ball of string

Procedure:

1. Have children sit in a circle. Hand a ball of string to one child. Instruct him/her to hold on to the end of it. Then have him/her roll the ball of string to a classmate on the other side of the circle. Instruct the recipient of the ball to hold onto the stretched-out string and roll the ball to someone else. Have each child repeat these actions until everyone in the group holds part of the string.
2. A 'web' will have formed in the center of the circle. Step into the center and tug on one part of the string. Ask which student felt the pull. Repeat this several more times with different strands of the string.
3. Ask what citizenship means. Say that being a good citizen means doing one's share to help the whole group. Say: We must all work together as a team because one person's actions are felt by others. If one of us didn't hold on to the string, the web wouldn't be complete.
4. Demonstrate how they're connected by pulling on part of the web again. Ask them to share other examples of how they're connected to others and how their actions affect people around them.

