

Welcome Ambassadors

Respect for others takes practice! One of the quickest and most effective ways to set the tone of respect is to start with a respectful introduction each day. Many children at this age are just learning manners for introductions and greetings.

Respect Sub-Concept(s)

Self-Care, Kindness

Project Timeframe

10-15 minutes

Required Materials No materials are required

Project Instructions

For this project, have the class decide on how they would like to enter your class each day: a handshake, a high five, a fist bump, a salute?

Provide 2 options, making sure one of them doesn't require actual physical contact. Keep it simple at this age. The focus is on Respect. Kindergarteners will lose focus if the greetings are too long or complicated. Each student will choose between the two options.

For the first 2-4 weeks, you, as the teacher, will be the Welcome Ambassador for your classroom. You will greet each student with their preferred greeting and say good morning in a kind and positive way.

After your class has become comfortable with attending school and with their peers, have each student become the Welcome Ambassador for a week. This will give them an opportunity to demonstrate respect for others and practice greetings and introductions. Make sure that you as the teacher also get in line for your greeting as well!

Note: One way to incorporate this project is to add it to either your job chart OR as an added responsibility for the student of the week. You could add a special hat or badge to wear to increase the concept of respect as your students demonstrate respect throughout the year!



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