

PUNCTUALITY

DEFINITION:

To be on time; finished or arriving on time; to be punctual with work.

OBJECTIVES:

1. At the conclusion of these mini lessons, students should be able to identify and understand the meaning of the Word of the Week: punctuality.
2. At the conclusion of these mini lessons, students should be able to describe and practice punctual behavior.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES:

1. When listening to or discussing a story, students will recognize the Word of the Week: punctuality.
2. When playing or working at school, students will exhibit punctual behavior.

SUGGESTED BOOKS:

1. *The Grouchy Ladybug*, Eric Carle
2. *Waiting For Jennifer*, Kathryn Osebold Galbraith
3. *Joe On Sunday*, Tony Blundell

Mini Lessons

MONDAY:

Tell Me — Introducing the Word of the Week

- Introduce and discuss the definition of the Word of the Week: punctuality.
- Print the Word of the Week, punctuality, on the board.
- Say: “THE WORD OF THE WEEK IS PUNCTUALITY.”
- Ask students to share experiences they’ve had when they were late to school or a party.

TUESDAY: Trace Me – Practice Writing the Word of the Week

- Ask students to trace the word in their workbooks.

WEDNESDAY: Teach Me — The Story of the Week

- Tell this story:

Joy found out that television was taking too much of her time. She had so many favorite programs that she spent too much time watching them. She is not able to complete her homework. Her older brother, Jay, likes to watch TV also, but unlike Joy, he selects only the shows he has time for and still has enough time to complete his homework. When the alarm goes off in the morning, Joy has trouble getting up and must be called several times. Jay says younger people need more sleep than adults. Sometimes Joy is late for school, but since her older brother leaves earlier, she has not been tardy. Jay is trying to teach his sister the importance of punctuality.

- Ask: “What lesson is Jay teaching his sister Joy?”

THURSDAY: Read to Me — Sharing Verses and Rhymes

- Read the following rhyme aloud to the class:

“A diller, a dollar.
A ten o’clock scholar!
What makes you come so soon?
You used to come at ten o’clock,
But now you come at noon!”
- *Mother Goose Nursery Rhyme*

- Discuss with the children the meaning of the rhyme.

FRIDAY: Color Me — Artwork about the Word of the Week

- Students color the picture in their Activity Books.
- Show this picture to their parents.