

PUNCTUALITY

DEFINITION:

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

OBJECTIVES:

1. Students will demonstrate an understanding of the meaning of the Word of the Week punctuality.
2. At the conclusion of these mini lessons, students should be able to identify, internalize, actualize and model punctual behavior.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES:

1. When reading or discussing a story, the student will recognize the Word of the Week punctuality.
2. When playing or working at school and at home, the student will exhibit punctual behavior.
3. When called upon by the teacher, the student will be able to model the Word of the Week and evaluate his or her own behavior.

SUGGESTED BOOKS:

1. *Henry's Important Date*, Robert Quackenbush
2. *Nine O'Clock Lullaby*, Marilyn Singer
3. *Clocks In The Woods*, Leon Steinmetz
4. *Waiting*, Nicki Weiss

Mini Lessons

- MONDAY:** To be punctual means to be on time. Being on time is important at school or at a job. Today, discuss businesses that operate on a time schedule that requires them to be punctual. (For example: Doctors' offices, movie theaters and store owners.) What are the benefits of being punctual? Which businesses do you think do a good job at being punctual? Which businesses do you believe could use improvement?
- TUESDAY:** Yesterday we learned that to be punctual means to be on time. It is important for each of us to come to school on time. Today, imagine a student who comes to school 10 minutes late each day. How much instructional time does the student miss at school in one week? In one month? Do you think this would effect his or her education? Why?
- WEDNESDAY:** Punctual means to be on time. Today, imagine if your teachers, custodians and cafeteria workers were late or never showed up. How would you feel? Describe how a school day would be different if no one was punctual.
- THURSDAY:** This is our fourth day discussing how to be punctual and how it feels if someone is not punctual. Today, discuss ways that can help you be punctual. Make a list of positive things that may happen to you if you are punctual at school or at home.
- FRIDAY:** Remember, punctuality means to be on time. Today, write a short story about punctuality. You may write about a character that is not punctual. In your story, be sure to tell what happens to the character when they are not on time.