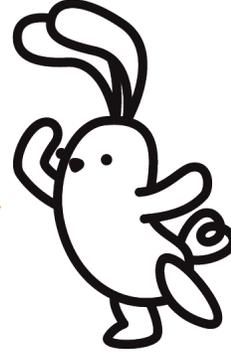# Integrity

Sub-Concepts Covered: Perseverance, Kindness

Kindness in the Classroom lessons teach kindness skills through a step-by step framework of Inspire, Empower, Act, Reflect and Share. Each lesson starts with the 'share' step to reinforce learning from previous lessons. The 'act' piece is woven into the lessons but really takes place in the projects.

This unit is the fourth of our six unit series. Be on the lookout! It presents a new and difficult concept for young children. The goal is to introduce the concept of honesty as a precursor to integrity, and then build on it as we introduce the language of integrity. The focus of this unit is twofold- understanding the importance and value of honesty as it relates to kindness, and using honest methods to persevere during difficult situations.

Unit Objective

Students will:

- Review respect, caring, and inclusiveness.
- Define honesty, dishonesty, and perseverance.
- Understand the concept of "white lies" and how they build on each other.
- Identify strategies that help people persevere through challenges.
- Introduce the concept of integrity.

Student Introduction

Thank you for practicing inclusiveness in our classroom as I observe others including new friends and trying out new ideas in a kind, caring, and respectful manner! We are ready to explore Integrity. This is an advanced word that connects back to honesty and always telling the truth, even when others aren't around. We will also use honesty and perseverance to try our hardest, even when something seems too tough and we would rather give up! It can be tempting to tell "white lies" to move ahead or avoid trouble- however our ultimate goal is a kind classroom and honesty is the best policy! Our main focus of this unit is on the following areas:

- Making honest choices, every time!
- Using kindness and respect by being truthful!
- Persevering through difficult times...you can do it!

Let's start with our first lesson!

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Unit Lessons

Lesson Title	Lesson Objectives	Materials Required
Lesson 1 The Lie Snowball	● Utilize caring and kindness to develop honest alternatives to deceptive actions. ● Practice showing honesty in social situations. ● Understand how to speak up when we have told a white lie.	❏ White, Red, Blue, Green, and Yellow Clay/Playdough ❏ A knife ❏ *The Little White Lie* by Lisa Rose
Lesson 2 An Honest Review	● Explore ways to be honest in difficult situations. ● Use art to identify how dishonesty negatively affects you.	❏ *Berenstain Bears and the Truth* by Stan and Jan Berenstain ❏ Internet access (if Youtube link is used) ❏ Blank paper ❏ Basic art supplies
Lesson 3 Perseverance Puzzles	● Demonstrate perseverance through a math exercise. ● Explain how being honest helps others trust you.	❏ Tangrams for each group ❏ *The Tiny Seed* by Eric Carle
Lesson 4 A Community of Integrity	● Create a step-by-step plan for building a community of integrity within the school. ● Examine areas needing improvement within the school as it relates to integrity.	❏ Basic art supplies ❏ Other supplies ❏ (depending on your class goal) ❏ Action Step Template

Unit Projects

Project Title	Project Overview	Materials Required
Project 1 Perseverance Pirates	Students will work in small groups and locate 12 items that correspond with the 12 letters in the word PERSEVERANCE, documenting their treasures on a classroom map.	❏ Map of classroom ❏ Various items (already in your classroom) ❏ Blank book with 12 pages in it
Project 2 Integrity Handbook	This project focuses on integrity through honesty and perseverance. Students are a valuable part of the classroom team and their honesty and perseverance enables it to run smoothly. To highlight their value and demonstrate various ways to show integrity in the school, the class will create an Integrity Handbook for use throughout the school year.	❏ Integrity Handbook pages (see project)