

**Name/Title: Manners**

**Purpose of Event:** To teach students a variety of manners, help students become aware of their behaviors and choices and to provide a positive place for the students to think about their choices.

**Prerequisites:** At the beginning of the year we discuss the manners we should display in class, school and outside of school.

**Suggested Grade Level:** K-2

**Materials Needed:** Large pictures of different manners displayed and short positive sayings on the pictures. Such as Listen, Raise your hand, Be Helpful, Cooperation, Put things away nicely etc.

### Description of Idea

I post the manners in a straight row across the gym wall. In the beginning of the year we make a straight line in front of the manners and repeat the sayings on each picture. When we do this, the students pretend to act out different sports. When I say get ready with your soccer ball, the student stand ready to kick. Then I'll say the manner i.e. "I will be a good listener". The students repeat the manner and then kick their pretend ball. Each manner we go over the students will act out a different sport.

Then I explain different situations that might happen in class and the students will tell me what manner I am not following in the situation. So when a student displays inappropriate behaviors or makes a poor choice. I will ask them to go stand under the manner they think they should be doing at that time. I will go over to the student after about a minute and ask them why they were asked to stand under the manners. After going through a quick plan with the student they are asked to join back into the activity.

**Assessment Ideas:**

I check to make sure the students are standing under the right manner. I verbally ask them several self-reflecting questions of their choices and behaviors. And students are given another chance to make better choices and display better behaviors.

**Teaching Suggestions:**

Display large pictures of the manner so all students can read.

Have an aide or student buddy help read/explain the different manner so that the student can

stand under the proper manner for their behavior.

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