

**DramaStoppers**  
**Meeting #1**



*Topic: Respect*

**Welcome:**

Welcome all the students and teachers in attendance. Thank them for coming to the meeting.

**Objective:** To communicate the importance of treating others the way you would like to be treated... with respect.

**Story/Quote:**

“I'm not concerned with your liking or disliking me... All I ask is that you respect me as a human being.” – Jackie Robinson

This quote is from Jackie Robinson, the first African-American Major League Baseball player of the modern era. Robinson broke the baseball color line when he debuted with the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1947. As the first black man to openly play in the major leagues since the 1880s, he was instrumental in bringing an end to racial segregation in professional baseball.

Beyond professional baseball, what Jackie Robinson wanted was for people to look past his appearance/skin color and to discover who he really was... a person who had worth, worthy of respect.

**Questions:**

What does the word respect mean?

Respect: high or special regard

Who do you respect? Why?

What makes someone worthy of respect? Does someone have to do something (like win a Nobel Prize, win a super bowl, break a world record, make a major medical discovery) to ‘deserve’ respect?

Has anyone ever disrespected you? Why? Have you ever disrespected someone? What happened?

How does it make you feel when you are disrespected? How did it make the other person(s) feel when you disrespected them?

Teaching Points:

Going back to the definition of respect, it means to hold someone/something in high or special regard. A lot of times we may think that someone has to do something extraordinary to deserve respect, but that's not true. We think that we have to dazzle people with our brilliance... that we have to impress others. Not true. Maybe you need to become a wealthy entrepreneur or be a popular person? No.

***“All people deserve respect simply because they are people.”***

Every person deserves respect because all people are created equal. Yes, we all come from different backgrounds, ethnicities, social standings, and experiences, but we're *ALL* equal. If you apply this principle when building relationships with others, you will discover that you'll be respected because you treat everyone the same... with respect.

If you want people to treat you the way you want to be treated, take the first step and be a person who treats others the right way. Sometimes people are going to disrespect you for some unknown reason. At other times, it will be your fault and you'll disrespect someone knowingly or unknowingly. Your responsibility is to show people respect regardless of circumstance. If you've done something wrong, go and make it right with the other person/people.

Do the following:

- 1) See people for who they really are,
- 2) Realize that all people deserve respect, and
- 3) Treat others the way you want to be treated.

Conclusion:

If you show genuine respect toward others, that's the way you will be treated. Put these things into practice. Be a DramaStopper!

**DramaStopper Code**

*“As a DramaStopper, I WILL treat others the way I want to be treated by showing respect for my fellow man, I WILL invest in other people's lives by being a TRUE friend, and whenever I recognize any drama going on, I WILL put a stop to it.”*