Oneness-Family School - First through Third Grade - Character Development & Communication Benchmarks Self-Discovery: Character Development and Communication

CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT				
First Grade	Second Grade	Third Grade		
Shows grace and courtesy	Shows grace and courtesy	Shows grace, courtesy, and leadership		
Practices respect for classmates and teachers	Shows respect for classmates and teachers	Consistently shows respect for classmates and teachers		
Practices respect for materials Shares with friends	Shows respect for materials Shares with friends	Shows respect for and ownership of materials		
Routinely follows classroom procedures	Follows classroom procedures	Consistently shares with friends		
Easily transitions from one activity to another with ease	Transitions from one activity to another with ease	Follows classroom procedures and models for others		
		Transitions from one activity to another with purpose and ease		

COMMUNICATION

First Grade	Second Grade	Third Grade
Consistently demonstrates verbal turn-taking Asks and responds to questions in meaningful ways Uses appropriate rate, volume, and tone of voice according to the conversation Relates multiple pieces of information in sequence Participates verbally in group discussions with grace and courtesy Asks for help when needed using appropriate language and procedures	Demonstrates verbal turn-taking Asks and responds to questions Asks for help when needed Uses appropriate rate, volume, and tone of voice Relates information in sequence Participates verbally in group discussions	Consistently demonstrates verbal turn-taking Asks and responds to complex questions Asks for help only when needed Uses appropriate rate, volume, and tone of voice depending on the context Consistently relates information in sequence Participates verbally and respectfully in group discussions Asks for help only when needed

PERSONAL WORLD

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First Grade	Second Grade	Third Grade
Is able to express own feelings, emotions, and needs	Students seek deeper and more regular connections with peers.	
Makes contributions and can explain the reasons behind ideas and opinions	Students learn tools for building and sustaining friendships.	
Shows empathy and concern for others	Students broaden their identity to include more than just familial roles.	
Shows curiosity about world cultures and religions	Students tend toward (for girls) working and socializing in smaller groups, and (for	
Understands the value and importance of rules/agreements	boys) working and socializing in larger groups.	
Can accept responsibility for actions and behaviors	Students begin to induce their concept of peace and justice, self-discovery, and effective conflict resolution techniques.	
Can distinguish right from wrong and honest from dishonest		
Is familiar with the courtesies of life and practice some of them.		
Will attempt to resolve personal conflicts in a positive manner.		
Will seek to play with peers rather than be alone; friends are important Shows appreciation for others in their		

behavior & work
Shows understanding of limits and boundaries with classmates and teachers
Able to work alone or with peers to complete assignments without distractions
Makes eye contact when listening
Can listen to directions without interrupting
And is able to follow multiple step directions