Character Education Learning Objectives

	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3
К	 □ Pay attention and listen □ Control movement and attend to personal space □ Regulate emotions □ Follow directions 	 Ask questions to learn about others. Answer questions to tell others about themselves. Identify emotions in self and others. Use a variety of calming strategies to regulate emotions in trigger situations. Use I messages to express needs, wants and feelings. 	N/A
1	 Identify "things that bug them" (trigger situations). Describe the emotional and physical response to triggers. Regulate emotions in a trigger situation. Identify helpful vs. harmful responses to triggers. Describe the outcome of ABC vs. IBC 	 Stop and think before responding to conflict. Use I messages to communicate needs, wants and feelings. Discuss appropriate responses to an I message from others. Use a "ME" voice to communicate with peers. Differentiate between a monster, mouse and me voice and body language. 	N/A
2	 □ Identify triggers ("Whatzits") to common feelings (mad, sad, scared, nervous etc.) □ Identify "body clues" (physical response to emotions). □ Regulate emotional response to triggers. □ Make appropriate behavioral choices in trigger situations. □ Discuss outcome of ABC □ vs. IBC. 	 □ Use a "ME" tone of voice and body language to communicate with peers. □ Use "I messages" to communicate needs, wants and feelings. □ Respond assertively to I messages from others. □ Discuss the outcome of making an inappropriate behavioral choice in response to "I messages" 	 Comply with the requests of others (behavioral response to an I message from others) Compare and contrast the outcome of an ABC vs. an IBC in a trigger situation. Make amends after making an IBC Identify common triggers in home and community settings and helpful ways to respond.

3	□ Identify triggers to individual stress and stress within the social group. □ Use calming strategies to alleviate the physical response to stress. □ Explore varying degrees of basic emotions and identify calming strategies to use at each level. □ Shift automatic negative thoughts to positive self talk. □ Compare and contrast appropriate behavioral choices vs. inappropriate behavioral choices to trigger situations.	 Communicate assertively using "ME" body language, eye contact, speech and tone of voice (BEST). Compare and contrast the response of others when communicating like a monster (aggressive), mouse (passive) and ME (assertive). Use "I messages" to communicate needs, wants and feelings. Respond to the "I messages" of others with assertive communication and helpful behaviors. Compare and contrast the outcome of ABC vs. IBC for self and others. 	 Apply character skills learned in K-3 through a creative project. Demonstrate character skills for younger students. Examine the impact that acting as role models can have on the functioning of younger students and on the school climate.
4	 □ Identify behaviors that negatively impact the functioning of individuals and the group. □ Differentiate between IBC, PC and HIB. □ Differentiate between direct and indirect HIB. □ Explore different types of electronic HIB. □ Explain the emotional, physical, social and academic impact of HIB. □ Explore healthy and helpful responses to the behaviors of others. 	 Identify different types of non-verbal communication (facial expressions, physical stance, hand gestures). Identify emotions of others based on their non-verbal cues and consider the etiology of the feelings. Explore the relationship between thoughts, feelings and behaviors. Use cognitive strategies to shift negative self-talk or faulty thoughts to positive and helpful cognitions. Make decisions with communication and behavior based on positive and helpful cognitions. Evaluate the outcome of communication and behavior and behavior toward others. 	□ Define a problem □ Identify several possible solutions □ Choose and implement one solution □ Evaluate the results □ Choose a different solution or seek help if results are not satisfactory □ Communicate a problem assertively □ Listen to and respect the point of view of others □ Compromise during conflict resolution □ Engage in appropriate behavioral choices after agreeing upon a solution

5	 Identify strengths in organizational, time management and problem solving skills. Share strengths in executive functioning skills with peers. Use a variety of calming or coping strategies when faced with a stressor. Generate positive, helpful responses to daily stressors. Explore the academic, social, emotional, and physical impact of not handling stressors in a way that is healthy and helpful. 	 Explain the difference between a friendship group and a clique. Analyze the way that different peer groups function positively and negatively. Identify social issues within their own group. Examine the social boundaries individuals and groups set for themselves. Explore ways to cross boundaries to strengthen personal identify and develop new relationships. 	 Identify the characteristics of real life heroes. Identify heroes in the home and school settings. Identify actions the real life heroes take and the impact these actions have on others. Identify actions we can take to have a positive impact on our heroes (how we can give back to our heroes). Identify actions we can take to have a positive impact on others (how we can pay it forward). Explain how positive actions can impact the school climate.
6	 □ Participate in team building activities. □ Problem solve as part of a team. □ Evaluate strengths and weaknesses of the team. □ Set individual and group goals to enable team success. □ Evaluate growth within the team over time. □ Make connections between success in team building activities and academic and social success. 	□ Identify core ethical values and character skills that are necessary to succeed academically and socially. □ Plan a project for elementary students that promotes development of the core ethical values and use of the character skills in daily interactions between individuals and within the group. □ Implement the project and support students in the development and strengthening of core ethical values and character skills. □ Evaluate the effectiveness of the project through data collection and analysis.	 Identify current interests, strengths, and passions and describe them to an important adult. Make connections between current interests, strengths and passions and achievement of future goals. Make an action plan to achieve future goals. Communicate goal and plan to an important adult. Evaluate the effectiveness and clarity of communicating plan.

7	 Identify a problem or need in the school community and describe how the problem or need negatively impacts the community. Plan and implement an intervention to address the problem or need, anticipating problems that may arise and brainstorming possible solutions. Evaluate the effectiveness of the intervention in addressing the problem or need and fostering change. Evaluate how personal strengths used or developed throughout the service project can be fostered and utilized for success in the future. 	Project continues- Groups rotate	Project continues- Groups rotate
8	 Identify a problem or need in the local community and describe how the problem or need negatively impacts the community. Plan and implement an intervention to address the problem or need, anticipating problems that may arise and brainstorming possible solutions. Evaluate the effectiveness of the intervention in addressing the problem or need and fostering change. Evaluate how personal strengths used throughout the service project can be fostered and utilized for success in the future. 	Project continues	Review portfolio and select 4-6 artifacts that show optimal social, emotional and behavioral growth throughout grades 3-8. Write a summary for each artifact explaining skills acquired, how skills were utilized, positive changes in self-esteem, confidence, resiliency, place in the social group and academics stemming from learning, areas for continued growth, and strategies to overcome or improve areas of concern. Set a goal for high school that describes behaviors and thought processes that will enable academic, social, emotional and behavioral success. Review self-assessment with administration or counselor