

Good Citizens Starts in Kindergarten

Brainstorm with the class about what makes good citizens. (*Showing respect, being helpful, picking up trash in playgrounds, lending a hand.*)

Ask the students what rules would help to be **'Top Notch Kindergarten Citizens'**.

For instance:

Speak the truth, listening, follow directions, use manners, use kind words, recycle, share, volunteer when needed, be polite, talk out problems, use indoor voices, tidy up, be honest, show you care.

Commit to Good Citizenship Strategy in the class (which is like a community):

Have a button (or plastic chips) jar and each time the teacher sees evidence of Top Notch Kindergarten Citizenship, add a button to the jar. Count the buttons weekly, and when the students reach 100 buttons or a pre-determined number, provide certificates and/or a Top Notch Celebration. You may wish to have students report evidence as well when buttons are added to the jar. This can be done monthly and continued throughout the school year. Add 'tidy up the playground' days or special 'pay it forward' days to extend this activity.