



**Skill : Being Responsible**  
**SEL Competency: Decision Making – Making positive, healthy, and safe choices**

A responsibility is something that you are required to do- your "job". It gives students a sense of purpose. They are contributing to our classroom community and know others depend on them! Students have daily responsibilities. They have to put their backpacks and folders in the correct locations, tuck in their chairs, keep their desk space organized and put games and activities back the way they found them. Perhaps they have to sharpen pencils, turn off the lights, pass out snacks, collect papers, etc. Being responsible means that you can be trusted and you do the right thing, even when no one is watching. We want students to recognize how nice it is when everyone does their part. Teaching responsibility is a great way to foster independence.

### Home/School Connection: Things to Try at Home

Chores are a great way to give responsibility. Make sure children know exactly what is expected of them. Sometimes charts can help remind kids of their duties. Praise/rewards/allowance is more effective than punishing for incomplete tasks. Here are some examples of chores:

- Sweep floors/ Mop floors/ Dust/ Wipe counters/Gather trash
- Clean bedroom: Pick up trash/ Put toys away/ Make their bed
- Help organize the drawers or closet
- Rake leaves
- Laundry: Fold towels/washcloths/ Put away laundry
- Dinner: Set the table/ Help cook dinner/ Put dirty dishes in dishwasher
- Help put away groceries
- Help pack school lunch
- Feed the pet



### Book Suggestion: Read or Watch on Youtube

[I'll Do It, Taking Responsibility](#) By: Brian Moses and Mike Gordon

[The Pigsty](#) by Mark Teague



**Positive Affirmation: Repeat Every Day:**

**"I am responsible"**



