



Second-Grade Stars

OBJECTIVE: Read to learn respectful habits at school.

STANDARDS: Social Studies (NCSS): Individual development and identity; individuals, groups, and institutions

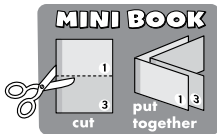
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BEFORE READING

Follow Directions

Show children how to put together their mini books.

Explain that each month in *Scholastic News*, children will get a book they can put together themselves. Point out the logo on page 1:



Have children follow the first picture to cut the pages in half. Then ask, “What does the second picture tell you?” (*Place the middle pages inside the cover.*) Have children use the page numbers to check that their books are in order.

DURING READING

Using Interactive Text Features

Explain to children how to take the quiz.

Explain that this mini book is very special: Not only are children allowed to write in it, they are supposed to! As you begin the quiz, tell children to listen to each answer before filling in the star. Ask children to not call out their answers; they will get a chance to discuss them after reading (see below). When you reach page 8, help children see how they did!

AFTER READING

Draw Conclusions

Talk about the reasons behind school rules.

Return to Question 1, and read choice B aloud. Then ask, “What would happen if everyone did this?” (*People could trip and fall.*) Repeat for choice C, eliciting that in this case, nobody would get to eat any lunch! Finally, ask, “Why is choice A correct?” (*Everyone will get to the lunch room unhurt, and everyone can eat lunch.*) Continue, using a similar process of elimination for each question.

READ ALOUD BACKGROUND

More Ways to Be a Star in School

- **You are a star if you listen.** When it’s your turn to talk, you want people to listen. So when someone else is talking, it’s your turn to be quiet! Listening is about more than being polite to others. You never know when you’ll learn something new and interesting if you listen to others.
- **You are a star if you share.** If you and a friend both want to read the same book, fighting over it wastes your time. Would you rather spend time arguing or reading?
- **You are a star if you take turns.** Another way to share is to take turns. One child can read the book first and another can read it later.
- **You are a star if you are honest.** Be honest if you did something wrong. Say you are sorry, and help to fix the problem too.
- **You are a star if you are kind.** You like to be friends with people who are nice to you. So you should be nice to other people too. It might help you make friends.
- **You are a star if you do your best.** Nobody’s perfect, and different people are good at different things. But you’ll always be a star if you do the best you can.

Get Ready to Learn

- There are a lot of things you can do to get ready to learn every day. Here are a few:
- Get at least 10 hours of sleep the night before school, and you’ll start the school day off right.
- Eat a healthy breakfast. That could be cereal, fruit, and milk. Candy and other sugary foods aren’t a good breakfast at all. In fact, they can make you sleepy in school.
- Bring all the supplies you need to school. Remembering your supplies is part of being responsible.