

Respect

“R.E.S.P.E.C.T, find out what it means to me!” Respect is very important in this world today. It is a way of showing many characteristic traits. To me respect is responsibility because it shows that you are mature with conflicts and you won’t let things get out of hand. It is self-control because it shows how you can control yourself. For example: if two people are having a conversation and you would like to say something you have to use self-control by not interrupting and that is respect also. Respect is kindness because like my example, interrupting is rude and not kind. It is polite and generous to show respect. It shows patience and it is only fair to give the respect that you would like in return. As you can see respect is many things to me.

In school, students can show respect in various ways. When a teacher is speaking during class it is only fair to be quiet and listen to show respect. When in P.E. at school, you can show respect by not cutting in line during knock-out. If a student or friend is talking to you, you should show them respect and listen to them instead of ignoring them and turning away to talk to someone else. In everything you do, you should practice respect.

Your parents always say to respect your elders and it is true. Not only should you respect your elders you should respect younger people and yourself. When your parents tell you to do something that you don’t really want to do you should do it anyway. If your brother or sister asks you to use the phone when you have been on all night you can show them respect by getting off for the night. You can show respect by not smarting off to your parents when they say something to you that you didn’t want to hear. By not showing respect it won’t get you anywhere or anything.

Your parents show you respect by listening to you about the many troubles in your life and the exciting things in life also. They

show respect by caring for you and putting you first before them. Teachers also can show respect in many ways. They give you respect by answering your questions that you might have in class. They listen during speeches you might be giving or how you might feel about something concerning you or others in their class.

In everyday life respect is one of the most important traits ever. By showing respect it helps you to grow in relationships with friends and loved ones. It shows the kind of person you are and without you showing respect to others you probably aren't going to get it back. Respect shows responsibility, self-control, kindness, patience, politeness, generosity, fairness and even cooperation. All of these traits are needed very much in life to live the life you want to live. Also to be treated the way you would like to be treated. It's so easy to do and will do you good and make you a better person in the long run. "R.E.S.P.E.C.T., and that's what it means to me!"

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