

CHARACTERplus Essay by Kelli Maher, St. Francis, 7th Grade

To me, respect isn't just about giving thought and your best cooperation to someone. Respect is how much kindness, generosity, patience, fairness, love, and responsibility you have for someone close to you. It's also how you individually know how you want to be treated and how you know others feel when they are being bullied, left out, or being made fun of.

A student can show respect at school to their teachers by giving them an apple or just helping them out. At school, if a classmate is being bullied or made fun of, a student can show respect by stopping the bullies even if it means for them to be picked on. Bullies at school don't show respect for other kids by picking on them, but good people do for stopping them. Students can also show respect by helping put a fund-raiser together to get money and food for the poor. This way more than one student is showing their respect even for the people they don't even know.

When students go home after school, they can show respect towards their families too. They can show respect to their parents by obeying and listening to their parents. To their siblings, they can help them with homework, play games with them, or let them play with your toys. If a student has pets, they can also show respect to them by leaving time to share with each of their pets equally. Some students may even help clean the house to show respect towards their guests that are coming to their house.

At school, teachers can show respect to their students by not having favorites and not assigning a lot of homework. Parents can show respect to their children by treating them equally and fairly. Each teacher and parent can also show respect to students and children by helping them, thinking about how they would feel, and showing them how to do and understand things. Even though they can do whatever they want, older people can show respect by listening to younger people who are in need and if they got in trouble for something they had nothing to do with. If we give elders a lot of respect, they can give that back to us equally.

Respect is important to everyday life because we show how much we care about each other. It also proves how well we can listen to God's laws, and how we show respect towards Him and our Christian Faith. Without respect, I think the world would

be fighting even more than it does today, and we wouldn't have any care for people close to us and family members. This is why I think respect is important to our everyday lives!