

Additional Resources

What does it mean to be a responsible citizen?

[Read Works: Community Life](#)

This website provides educators with ways to remind students that words are where humans store knowledge. This particular source looks at why “Stop Signs Are for Safety.”

[Exploring Communities Rules and Laws](#)

This is a brief video to help students learn what are some of the community rules and laws in their neighborhood.

[EPA: How to start a recycling program](#)

This website from the Environmental Protection Agency provides basic resources on different ways to recycle, from paper products to food waste.

***Who Makes the Rules?* by Gail Hennessey**

Give early readers a look into who determines the rules for various places – from the classroom to the entire country. With vivid images in conjunction with easy-to-read text, readers are encouraged to recognize and follow rules that impact their lives.

***Saving the Environment* by Vic Parker**

This book features the stories of young people from around the world who have used their talents and skills to help save the environment, in their local communities and in the wider world. Their stories will inspire readers to make a difference in their own way.

What does it mean to be a respectful citizen?

[Read Works: Who Is A Good Citizen at School?](#)

This Read Works lesson, which includes a passage, vocabulary and a question set, looks at the question, "Who is a good citizen at school?"

[Read Works: Jon Follows School Rules](#)

This Read Works lesson, which includes a passage, vocabulary and a question set, looks at how a boy named Jon follows rules as a student in a school.

[Read Works: Why Do We Need Rules?](#)

This Read Works lesson, which includes a passages and a book of knowledge, looks at the question, "Why do we need rules?"

[Respect Song](#)

This video is a character song that teaches students how to show respect to yourself, others in the classroom and at school. Treat others the way you want to be treated.

[Capture the Flag - Kid Citizen](#)

This episode of Kid Citizen explores the various ways people use the flag to show characteristics such as pride, loyalty and unity for the nation.

Blue Skies White Stars by Sarvinder Naberhaus

Simple verses pair with beautiful paintings to celebrate the iconic imagery of our nation, beginning with the American flag. This book highlights America then and now, from sea to shining sea.

America The Beautiful Poem by Katharine Lee Bates

Inspired by Katharine Lee Bates's classic verse, Minor gives readers his first picture book-beautiful visual accompaniment for an American standard.

This Land is Your Land Words and Music by Woody Guthrie

This classic ballad of Woody Guthrie's powerful lyrics and Kathy Jakobsen's detailed paintings show on a journey across the country, creating an unforgettable portrait of our diverse land and the people who live it.

Green Green A Community Gardening Story by Marie Lamba and Baldev Lamba

Green grass is wide and fresh and clean for a family to play in, and brown dirt is perfect for digging a garden. But when gray buildings start to rise up and a whole city builds, can there be any room for green space? The neighborhood children think so, and they inspire the community to join together and build a garden for everyone to share in the middle of the city.

Errol's Garden by Gillian Hibbs

Errol dreams of having a garden of his very own and, with the help of his family and community, creates a beautiful rooftop oasis.

Have You Filled a Bucket Today? by Carol McCloud and David Messing

It's all in the bucket, that invisible bucket that follows you everywhere. This book teaches young readers valuable lessons about giving, sharing and caring. It shows kindness and appreciation of others goes a long way to making this world a happier place for everyone, including ourselves.

Listening with My Heart: A story of kindness and self-compassion by Gabi Garcia

Children can learn the importance of being a friend to ourselves. This book also touches on the universal themes of friendship, empathy and kindness. Includes mindfulness and self-compassion activities.

How are rules and laws different in Iowa from the places?

Each of these websites can provide more background information for teachers when comparing Iowa laws to other states.

[Bottle Redemption](#)

[Leash Laws for Pets](#)

[Vehicle Seat Belts](#)