

Materials and Supplies Needed		
Handouts	<p>Choice of these activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Six Pillars at Play ○ Six Pillars Collage ○ Who Is Someone? ○ Character Counts Scavenger Hunt (Available free at: http://resources.charactercounts.org/free-resources/lesson-plans/) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OR • Six Pillar Word Search puzzle (This activity is from the Good Ideas book, available for purchase from the CHARACTER COUNTS! online store: CHARACTER COUNTS!) 	1 copy per child
Teaching Aids	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆Treasure Chest: Rough Stones, Polished Stones ◆Projector if using power point ◆Power point file available in needed format ◆Six Large paper ‘pillars’ in each color: Blue, Yellow, Green, Orange, Red and Purple◆ ◆Pillar cutouts ◆Illustration of ‘character’ from movie, TV or game. Ex: Simba from ‘The Lion King’. <p>Materials and Supplies based on activity choice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For Collage: magazines for cutting, scissors, glue, paper or poster board 	
Background Information/ Resources	<p>Lesson Goal(s): For students to understand what positive character is and to be able to identify the six pillars (traits) of good character.</p> <p>The following link provides an overview of the Character Counts program and the six pillars: CHARACTER COUNTS!</p> <p>Talking with Trees offers a lesson plan and explanation of ‘What is Character: https://talkingtreebooks.com/definition/what-is-character-definition.html</p> <p>➔ Activity handouts were obtained or adapted from: <i>‘Good Ideas to Help Young People Develop Good Character,’</i> Character Counts Coalition; 9841 Airport Blvd., Suite 300, Los Angeles, California</p> <p>The following is taken from CharacterCounts.org (https://charactercounts.org/program-overview/six-pillars/)</p> <p>‘The Six Pillar of Character® values are not politically, religiously, or culturally biased. In fact, every year since 1995 our program has been officially recognized and endorsed in a National Proclamation by the U.S. Senate and The President of the United States.</p> <p>TRUSTWORTHINESS</p> <p>Be honest in communications and actions • Don’t deceive, cheat or steal • Be reliable — do</p>	

	<p>what you say you'll do • Have the courage to do the right thing • Build a good reputation • Be loyal — stand by your family, friends, and country • Keep your promises</p> <p>RESPECT</p> <p>Treat others with respect and follow the Golden Rule • Be tolerant and accepting of differences • Use good manners, not bad language • Be considerate of the feelings of others • Don't threaten, hit or hurt anyone • Deal peacefully with anger, insults, and disagreements</p> <p>RESPONSIBILITY</p> <p>Do what you are supposed to do • Plan ahead • Be diligent • Persevere • Do your best • Use self-control • Be self-disciplined • Think before you act • Be accountable for your words, actions and attitudes • Set a good example for others • Choose a positive attitude • Make healthy choices</p> <p>FAIRNESS</p> <p>Play by the rules • Take turns and share • Be open-minded; listen to others • Don't take advantage of others • Don't blame others carelessly • Treat all people fairly</p> <p>CARING</p> <p>Be kind • Be compassionate and show you care • Show Empathy • Express gratitude • Forgive others and show mercy • Help people in need • Be charitable and altruistic</p> <p>CITIZENSHIP</p> <p>Do your share to make your home, school, community and greater world better • Cooperate • Get involved in community affairs • Stay informed; vote • Be a good neighbor • Obey laws and rules • Respect authority • Protect the environment • Volunteer”</p>
Resources	<p>(Character Counts) https://charactercounts.org/program-overview/six-pillars/</p> <p>(Lovewell Press, 2013) Talking with Trees https://talkingtreebooks.com/definition/what-is-character-definition.html</p> <p>(Journal Buddies, 2019)https://www.journalbuddies.com/teacher-parent-resources/what-is-good-character/</p> <p>(Josephson Institute of Ethics, 2002) <i>‘Good Ideas to Help Young People Develop Good Character</i>, Character Counts Coalition; 9841 Airport Blvd., Suite 300, Los Angeles, California</p>