



## **The Reading Corner**

Ask students to pick one of the character traits from Terrific Kids.

Thoughtful, Enthusiastic, Respectful, Responsible, Inclusive, Friendly, Inquisitive, or Capable.

Now the challenge! Each student must go to the school library and find a book that in some way teaches an important lesson about the character trait they have picked.

It can be a picture book, short story, or chapter book.

Create a story sharing time when students can sit and read aloud. Following each story lead discussion about how the story demonstrated a specific character trait.

Some stories may exemplify several of the character traits.

## **Write a Story**

Divide students into groups of five.

Assign each group one of the Terrific Kids character traits.

Give the students a specified amount of time and ask them to write a story about an individual demonstrating this character trait.

If it's of help, provide the first part of the story for each group. Write the first part of the story on an index card and give each of the groups an index card to get them started.

## **Here are some samples of good lead in sentences for stories.**

It was a cold, wet rainy day and Mrs. Stevens had to get to the store.

Jeffrey was sitting all alone on the playground watching his classmates.

Susan's wheelchair got stuck on a bumpy area in the doorway and she panicked.

Mrs. Spangler dropped the papers she was grading in front of her desk.

Carla walked up to the vending machine and was ready to put money in the machine for a snack when she realized she didn't have enough change.