

# 7 C's DECK

2011-2012

6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade



## CHARACTER

Respects others' property \* Accepts responsibility \* Is honest \* Shows patience \* Is kind and caring \* Makes and keeps friends

TASK CHOICES	DESCRIPTION	REQUIREMENTS FOR CREDIT	INITIALS
Judge	There are many positive character traits that a person must possess to be successful. Select 10 and list them in order or importance. Justify your ranking	List with explanation	
Good Neighbor	Do a good deed (ex. Weed a garden, walk a pet, go caroling, etc.) for someone ill, elderly, or in need of a bit of kindness	3 hours	
School Contests	Participate in a contest offered at school	1 contest	
Song Scientist	Research 10 songs that encourage positive character traits. List the title of each song and why you believe it shows positive traits.	10 songs with reason	
Role Model	Become a mentor to a younger person. Keep a journal on your visits.	4 weeks	
Personal Connection	Write a summary about how you feel you demonstrate this character trait – use specific examples	1 ½ page	
Other	Select another task of your choice that demonstrates this trait	Have a teacher or Mrs. McDonald approve your choice	

## COMMITMENT

Uses time appropriately \* Exhibits personal best \* Turns in work on time \* Is prepared \* Follows directions \* Exhibits pride in work

Task Choices	Description	Requirements for Credit	Initials
Grades	Earns all 3s in all academic subjects (rdg., LA, math, science, s.s.)	On at least 1 report card (1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , or 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter)	
Clubs and Extracurricular	Participate in at least 1 club or extracurricular activity (school, church, rec. team, etc.)	1 semester	
No Demerits	No demerits for one month	30 Days	
Demerits	Earn a minimal number of demerits	3 or less for the year	
Exercise and Nutrition	Develop an exercise or nutrition plan and follow it	30 days	
Family Interview	Interview your family to see how they show commitment. Create a graphic organizer that summarizes the ways your family members demonstrate this important trait	Graphic Organizer	
Other	Select another task of your choice that demonstrates this trait	Have a teacher or Mrs. McDonald approve your choice	

## CREATIVITY

!!Seeks alternative solutions \* Demonstrates flexible thinking\* Elaborates ideas

Task Choices	Description	Requirements for Credit	Initials
Sport	Create a new sport	Write a rule book	
Experience the Arts	Attend a cultural experience – an art exhibit, museum, musical performance, drama production, etc.	1 event	
Song/Skit	Create a song/skit that goes along with something you are studying. Present it to your class	Song/skit	
Class	Attend a class in the community (e.g., Michael's, Lowe's, Paper Play House, etc.) Share what you learned with your class.	1 class	
Celebrity Search	Which famous celebrity do you think is the most creative? Why? Present your persuasive essay to the class and try to convince them to vote for your fave celen!	Persuasive essay	
Personal Connection	Write a summary about how you feel you demonstrate this character trait – use specific examples	1 ½ page	
Other	Select another task of your choice that demonstrates this trait	Have a teacher or Mrs. McDonald approve your choice	

## CRITICAL THINKING

Seeks challenges \* Perseveres \* Extends Understanding beyond what is taught

Task Choices	Description	Requirements for Credit	Initials
Brain Games	Create a critical thinking game	Make the game and write the directions to play the game	
Clubs	Participate in Quiz Bowl or Reading Bowl	1 semester	
Interview	Interview a professional and ask them how they use critical thinking in their career. Also see how they utilize the other 7Cs and have them decide which one is the most important	Interview with 10 question and answers	
Different Perspectives	Rewrite a story from a different character's point of view	4 or more pages	
Product Improvement	Select a product and write a plan for a "new and improved version" and why it is needed.	1 plan – 1 page and a picture or diagram	
Science Project	Complete a science fair project.	Backboard and 1 page report	
Other	Select another task of your choice that demonstrates this trait	Have a teacher or Mrs. McDonald approve your choice	

## COMMUNITY

Respects learning time \* Follows rules and procedures \* Is a leader \* Works well with others  
Keeps community clean, neat, and orderly \* Helps with duties \* Takes care of the environment

Task Choices	Description	Requirements for Credit	Initials
School Volunteer	Volunteers around the school	3 hours for the year	
Community Volunteer	Volunteers in the community	3 hours for the year	
Emergency or First Aid	Learn 5 first aid procedures and share them with your class. Create a 72 hour kit.	5 first aid procedures 72 hour kit	
Service Learning	Present to the Board or PTO about Brighten helping the community	1 project that includes a plan and the results or a summary	
Business Letter	Write a letter to a local business leader or politician introducing them to our school. Tell them why you think our school is important to the community.	Copy of business letter	
Personal Connection	Campaign to promote recycling or any other environmental issues occurring in our community.	Poster/Slogan	
Other	Select another task of your choice that demonstrates this trait	Have a teacher or Mrs. McDonald approve your choice	

## CULTURE

Demonstrates tolerance of individual differences (physical, social, intellectual, racial, religious, etc.)

Task Choices	Description	Requirements for Credit	Initials
Recipe	Prepare and share a recipe from another country or U.S. region	1 recipe	
Tolerance Award	Design an award for someone at our school who displays tolerance. Present the award to them and tell them why they were selected	Award and justification	
Festivals and Exhibits	Attend a cultural exhibit, festival, celebration, museum, etc. and share your experience with your class	1 visit	
Cultural Awareness	Create a PowerPoint presentation or speech with visual aids educating others about a cultural difference (religion, ethnicity, etc.)	1 presentation (10 slides or 3 minute speech with visuals)	
Song or Dance	Learn and share a song, story, or dance native to a country or U.S. region	1 performance	
Designer	Design a house for a specific region in the world	Blue print and explain the architecture	
Other	Select another task of your choice that demonstrates this trait	Have a teacher or Mrs. McDonald approve your choice	

## CURIOSITY

Asks thought provoking questions \* Seeks to learn more

Task Choices	Description	Requirements for Credit	Initials
How Things Work	Find out how a machine works (e.g., an escalator). Write a summary and diagram.	1 page summary and diagram	
Invent a quiz	Design a quiz to test someone's creativity. Develop a rating scale to let them know how creative they are (or aren't)	Quiz, key	
Dig Deeper	Dig deeper into a topic you are studying at school – find out 15 more facts that you didn't know about the topic. Share what you learned with the class.	15 facts shared with class	
Family Tree	Investigate where your family is from	1 page report or PowerPoint ( At least 10 slides)	
Etymology and Derivatives	Choose 10 words and find out their origin, ancient or old meanings, etc. OR choose 10 sayings and find out the origin of them.	10 words and origins OR 10 sayings and origins OR Any combination of both (10)	
Personal Connection	Write a summary about how you feel you demonstrate this character trait – use specific examples	1 ½ pages	
Other	Select another task of your choice that demonstrates this trait	Have a teacher or Mrs. McDonald approve your choice	