

# CHARACTER COUNTS!® WEEK

## Together Everyone Accomplishes More

People accomplish much more when they work together. It is important to listen to each other. You will be amazed at how much can be done when you work creatively with others.

### Reflection

One day, the teenager was invited to his neighbor's garage. "I want to show you something," he said. The older man pulled out an old rock tumbler that consisted of a motor and a coffee can with a little band between them. He then invited the teen to the backyard where they collected some very regular and old ugly rocks. They put them in a can with a little bit of liquid and some grit powder. The old man then closed the can, turned the motor on and said, "come back tomorrow." The teen came back the next day and when the can was opened, he saw that the rocks they were amazingly beautiful and polished. When asked how this happened, the man said, "The same common stones that had gone in, through rubbing against each other, created a little bit of friction, a lot of noise, but come out these beautiful polished rocks."

- What made the old ugly rocks turn into beautiful and polished stones?
- There are times we think that we can do something all by ourselves and we find that we are unable or unwilling to collaborate or work with someone else. Have you responded this way or know of someone who thinks like this? Why does this happen?
- Why is it important to learn how to work well with others?
- In what ways beside classroom work does collaboration and teamwork come into play for a student?
- Give examples of how this quote applies to what we do at school.
- Why do you think employers want individuals who know how to collaborate with others?

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