

# RESPONSIBILITY

## DAY 1

Good morning and welcome to *The Principal's Principles*. **RESPONSIBILITY** means being accountable for one's actions and fulfilling one's duties. There are lots of different ways to be responsible, such as following through on all your tasks and taking the blame for your own mistakes. Responsible students complete their work on time and do good work. Responsible teachers come to class prepared to teach you every day. Bus drivers show up every morning and every afternoon to get you to and from school safely. Look around you today and see how many people you can catch being responsible. Make it a magnificent day!

## DAY 2

Good morning and welcome to *The Principal's Principles*. Yesterday, we talked about how doing your duty shows **RESPONSIBILITY**. Today, I want to talk to you about . . . Dodge Ball. Lots of you are very good Dodge Ball players who can dart out of the way whenever the ball comes close to you. That is a great skill to have when playing Dodge Ball, but what happens when people try to "dodge" their responsibilities? People who play the "Dodge Responsibilities" game always blame others for their troubles and make excuses for their mistakes, instead of being accountable for their actions. That's not a fun game to play. Never dodge your responsibilities! Make it a terrific day!

## DAY 3

Good morning and welcome to *The Principal's Principles*. I have a simple question for you today: **WHO is responsible for your actions?** Think about that for a minute . . . who is to blame if you forget to do your homework, or your stomach hurts from eating too much candy, or you say something unkind to your friend? The answer to all these questions is: YOU are! Even though it can be a hard thing to do, it is important to accept the blame whenever you make a mistake. Then try to do better the next time. Take **RESPONSIBILITY** for your actions today, and every day. Make it a wonderful day!

## DAY 4

Good morning and welcome to *The Principal's Principles*. Once there was a young girl who kept a beautiful goldfish in a little bowl on her dresser. She was very responsible and took very good care of her fish. She fed her fish every day and cleaned its bowl every week. What do you think would happen if she got busy and forgot to feed her fish? When someone or something depends on you, it is important to do your duty. Caring and feeding a pet is one way you develop **RESPONSIBILITY**. Make it a tremendous day!

## DAY 5

Good morning and welcome to *The Principal's Principles*. "**Passing the buck**" is an old saying that means to avoid your responsibilities by placing blame for mistakes or problems onto another person. Harry Truman, the thirty-third President of the United States, had a wooden sign on his desk that read: "**The buck stops here!**" That was his way of saying that he accepted full responsibility for the hard decisions he made. Don't "pass the buck" -- accept **RESPONSIBILITY** for yourself every day! Make it a fabulous day!