



COOPERATION

DAY 1

Good morning and welcome to *The Principal's Principles*. This week, we are focusing on the principle of **COOPERATION**.

Cooperation means getting along with each other and working together to accomplish a common goal. When people cooperate, they can accomplish things they could never do all by themselves. In P.E. when you spread out and wave the parachute, it takes a group of people to hold different sections of the fabric. Have you every tried to throw and catch your own football pass? What about pitching and hitting a baseball all by yourself? By working together, you can accomplish many things. Make it a magnificent day!

DAY 2

Good morning and welcome to *The Principal's Principles*. Do you like honey? Bees that live and work together in a hive make honey. We can learn a lot about **COOPERATING** from bees! Each bee has a specific job to do – some gather pollen from flowers, some fight to protect the hive, others take care of the baby bees, and another group takes care of the queen bee. The only way they can survive is to cooperate and work together. “Bee” cooperative today and make it a terrific day!

DAY 3

Good morning and welcome to *The Principal's Principles*. An English poet named John Heywood wrote: “**Many hands make light work.**” That means that when people **COOPERATE**, it is easier to accomplish big tasks. If you were assigned to clean up the school cafeteria all by yourself, it would take a long time. Each table would need to be cleared and cleaned, trash thrown away, floors swept, and the cafeteria left in good order. When everyone cooperates by cleaning up after himself or herself, the job is completed quickly. Join in and help when there are jobs to be done and make “*light work*” of any task. Make it a wonderful day!

DAY 4

Good morning and welcome to *The Principal's Principles*. **COOPERATION** is a big part of every school day. When your class lines up to go to the library, you work together to form orderly lines. At the end of the day, each student works together to pick up papers and straighten the desks so that everything is ready for the next school day. Here is an activity you can do as a class, if your teacher desires, to test how well you can cooperate. Without saying even a single word, line up by height starting with the shortest person at the front of the line and the tallest at the very back. Pay attention to how quickly you can accomplish the task when everyone cooperates and how difficult it would be if someone did not cooperate! Have fun cooperating with each other. Make it a tremendous day!

DAY 5

Good morning and welcome to *The Principal's Principles*. Take advantage of the time you have with your families this weekend to practice strengthening what you have learned about **COOPERATION**. When all family members work together to pick up toys, clean the bathroom, and help cook and clean up dinner, it is easier to make your home neat and orderly. You could play a game together as a fun way to strengthen your cooperation skills. Be the kind of team member your family can rely on to help make your home a happy, healthy place to grow. Make it a fabulous day!