



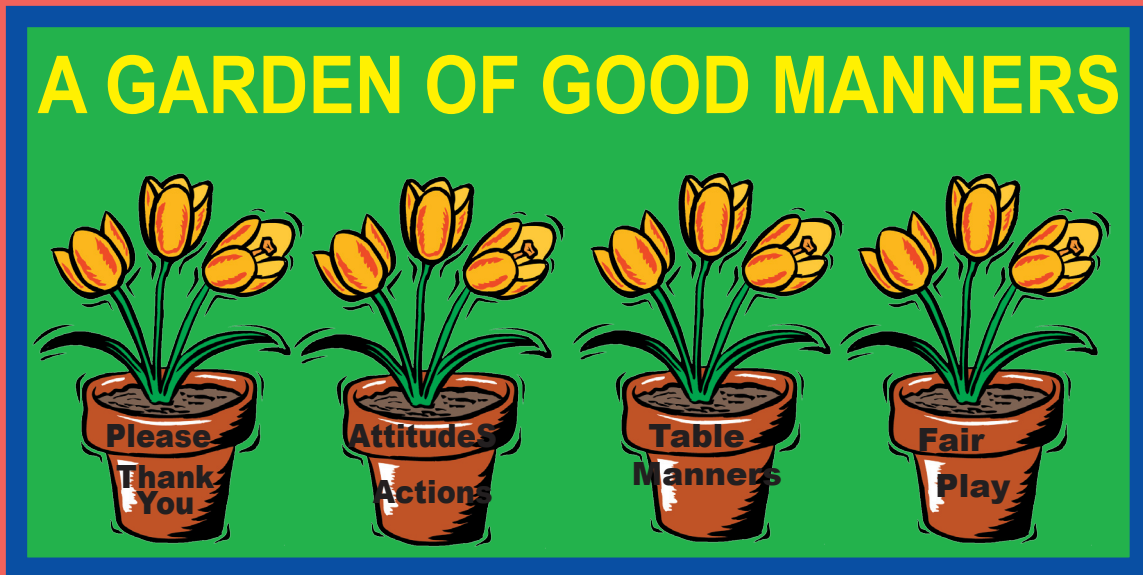
September

Good Manners Month

*Be devoted to one another in brotherly love.
Honor one another above yourselves.*

Romans 12:10 NIV

September is **Good Manners Month** and a great way to set the tone for a new school year. After all, minding our manners makes us all easier to be around. Manners communicate to others that we think they are valuable and important. And according to Dr. Susan Ginsberg Ed.D. "Politeness gives kids an edge that will help them succeed throughout life. People respond better to kids who show their respect for others by using good manners. So here are some resources and ideas to help your students Mind Their Manners.....



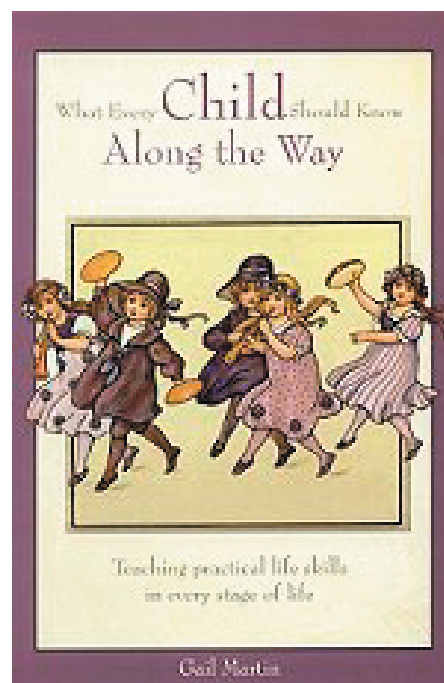
Make several copies of flower pots and write a specific manner on each. Give students flowers to cut out or make them out of tissue paper. Then as students are observed practicing "Good Manners" add a flower to the appropriate pot. When all the flowers have been planted have a garden party to celebrate the good manners that are blooming in your classroom.

What Every Child Should Know Along The Way

Teaching practical life skills in every stage of life.
by Gail Martin

If you want to emphasize manners for the entire school year and not just for a month then this book would be a valuable resource. Gail Martin's chapter on manners provides instruction on manners in the following categories: Mannerly Attitudes and Actions, Communication, For Gentlemen Only, For Ladies Only, Shopping, Traveling, Appearance, Mealtimes, At Church, Miscellaneous Moments. Each category provides a checklist that can be used to track a child's progress in using manners. Scripture texts are provided for each manner.

Other chapters in the book would provide wonderful resources for instructing students in Biblical Character Traits, Gifts and Talents, Practical Living Skills, and Personal Safety. A great resource for teachers of all age levels.



It can be purchased through
Growing Families International for \$9.45.
http://www.gfi.org/java/jsp/cust_store.jsp
Look under *Other Resources*



Award **Gracious Living Certificates** to students who demonstrate progress in developing "Good Manners."

You can download this template at
<http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/templates/TC010182761033.aspx?CategoryID=CT010872361033>



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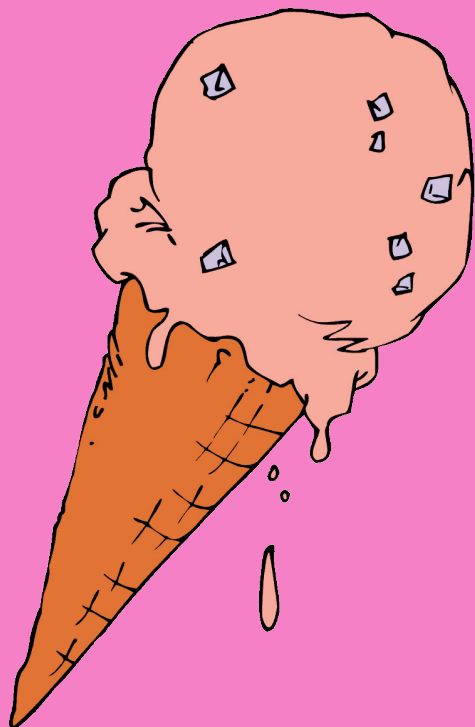
Help your students brush up on their manners by reviewing a specific manner each day. Be creative! Have students role-play scenarios, draw cartoons or pictures, or write stories that incorporate a specific manner. Appoint a manners spy who is responsible for catching people in the act of using good manners!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4	5 Greeting & Address: Respectfully address those who are your elders using their proper titles.	6 Greetings: Smile, look person in the eyes, extend right hand, offer greeting (if a new introduction: giving your name).	7 Conversations: When talking with another person, if you didn't hear clearly what they said say, "Pardon, Me?" or I'm sorry, I didn't hear you." Avoid "huh?"	8 Conversations: Don't walk between two people when they are talking. Go around them.
11 Mannerly Actions: If someone is walking toward you, step aside and give them room to pass.	12 Mannerly Actions: Never say anything to anyone that could hurt their feelings—such as teasing, name calling, or insulting another person.	13 Mannerly Actions: If someone makes a mistake never laugh or tease them; instead, try to make them feel better by showing acceptance and love	14 Courtesies: Frequently use words like: "Please," Thank you," "You're welcome," I'm sorry," "I was wrong," "Will you forgive me?" and "I forgive you."	15 Conversations: Learn to listen before you speak. Always listen with eye contact. Always respond when spoken to.
18 Conversations: Consider your words carefully before you speak. Watch your tone of voice. Is it harsh? Sarcastic? Or is it gentle? Eliminate all cursing, naughty talk.	19 Don't tell secrets in front of others. Avoid whispering and pointing fingers at other people. Don't spread mean words about others. That is gossip or possibly slander and it can deeply hurt others.	20 Mannerly Actions: When a group of people is working on a task together, be sure to do your fair share of work (with a cheerful attitude). Don't leave it for someone else to do.	21 Mannerly Actions: Show proper respect and good stewardship toward other people's property as well as your own.	22 Mannerly Actions: Whenever you are out enjoying God's creation of nature, show respect for it; leave it as you found it, or better.
25 Mannerly Actions: When you borrow something, be sure to return it promptly and make sure it is in as good a shape or better than when you received it.	26 Mannerly Actions: If you break something that belonged to someone else, admit it promptly. Replace the item or give them the money to replace it.	27 Respect other people's time: Be punctual, do not waste time by being disruptive in class or dawdling, or neglecting to do your part of a task.	28 Fair-play: Take turns cheerfully. Let others be first. Follow the rules. Play your best. Don't make fun of others who don't play well. If you lose, always congratulate the winner(s).	29 Live each day knowing that Jesus is with you, watching each action, knowing each thought, and hearing each spoken word. Seek to bring Him pleasure in all that you do.



Ice Cream Cone Birthday

September 22



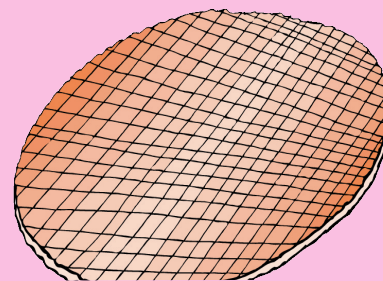
Italo Marchiony emigrated from Italy in the late 1800s and soon thereafter went into business at New York, NY with a pushcart dispensing lemon ice. Success soon led to a small fleet of pushcarts, and the inventive Marchiony was inspired to develop a cone, first made of paper, later of pastry, to hold the tasty delicacy. On Sept 22, 1903, his application for a patent for his new mold was filed.



Make Your Own Cones*

You will need a non-stick cookie sheet and a cone-shaped mold (available a bakery supply stores) to make these cones. If they end up with a hole in the bottom, plug the hole with a mini-marshmallow.

- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 large egg
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted and cooled
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour, sifted



Preheat oven to 300 F. In medium mixing bowl, beat the sugar into the egg until it is thickened and pale yellow. Beat in the butter, vanilla, and milk. Gently stir in the flour. Grease a large non-stick cookie sheet and spread 1.5 tablespoons of the batter into a 6 inch circle using a thin, flexible spatula. Bake for 15 minutes or until lightly browned. Remove each cookie from the sheet and wrap around a cone shaped mold, sealing the point. The cookies harden as they cool so work as quickly as you can.

Recipe from MakelceCream.com

<http://shop.store.yahoo.com/sendicecream/ovbakicecrea.html>



Icecream In A Bag

sandwich-size and gallon-size
Zip-Loc bags.
1/2 cup whole milk
1/4 teaspoon vanilla
2 T rock salt
ice cubes

Directions: Put milk and vanilla in sandwich-sized bag and seal. Put rock salt in gallon-sized bag and fill 3/4 full with ice cubes. Place sandwich bag with the other ingredients on top of the ice in the gallon-sized bag. Seal bag. Shake and roll bag for about 15-20 minutes or, until frozen.

Icecream Facts

Check out these websites:

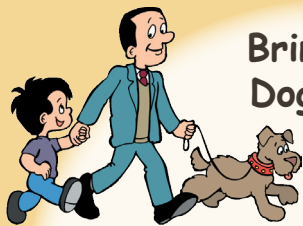
National Geographic
<http://magma.nationalgeographic.com/ngexplorer/0304/articles/mainarticle.html>

IceCream
<http://www.arches.uga.edu/~mnj/blue/>



NATIONAL September 18-24 DOG WEEK

To promote the relationship of dogs to mankind and emphasize the need for the proper care and treatment of dogs. Annually, the last full week in September.



Bring Your Dog To School

Designate the first or last hour of a school day as dog visitation hour. Or if your school allows have a dog visit for the day.

Give A Dog A Bone....

Provide your four-legged visitors with some yummy home-made treats. Visit [SeeFido.com](http://www.seefido.com) for lots of easy to make recipes.



Pet Care

Invite a Veterinarian to speak on how to care for a dog. He/she might also teach students how to read a dogs body language.

Volunteer at a Animal Shelter

Make arrangements with your local animal shelter to volunteer for a day. The staff and the animals as well as the animals will love the extra hands!

http://www.seefido.com/html/dog_biscuits_snack_recipes.htm

FAVORITE POOCHES

Have your class survey your school to find out what kinds of dogs are students' favorites. Tally the results and create graphs.

Research Presidential dogs. What President's had dogs, how many, and what kind.

Use the internet to discover what kinds of dogs are favored in various countries.

Read *My Life In Dog Years* by Gary Paulsen. Heartwarming stories of his canine companions.

