

MAGENTA
DAISY PETAL
RESPECT AUTHORITY

Magenta: Respect authority... Magenta is a combination of Red and Blue, the colors of our Flag, it commands our respect.

Complete several activities below to earn the Magenta petal:

OPENING

Read the one of the following books to begin your discussions:

Officer Buckle & Gloria by Peggy Rathmann

Kids don't respect Officer Buckle's safety lessons until he gets Gloria the dog to help."

The Tale of Squirrel Nutkin by Beatrix Potter

Nutkin doesn't respect Mr. Brown (an owl) and he loses his tail for it.

Fire fighter Piggywiggy by Christyan A. Fox,

A young pig imagines what it would be like to be a fearless fire fighter who slides down a pole, drives a fire engine, and saves someone from danger.

Chicken Chuck Chicken Chuck by Bill Martin,,

the rooster who has set himself up as boss of the barnyard by virtue of the special blue feather in the middle of his forehead, finds his authority undermined by a circus horse with two blue feathers.

Curious George Visits a Police Station by Margaret Rey

Curious George creates havoc at the new police station when he accidentally locks the mayor and the police chief in one of the cells.

ACTIVITIES:

Activity #1 Visit a Fire house.

Take a trip to the fire department. Take a tour, talk about fire safety, discuss how the fire fighters are "authorities". When you return to your meeting, the girls can make the fire fighters a special card to thank them. You might want to make a firehouse scene using a shoebox. Girls can cut things from magazines to add to their "fire house", add objects from home or color pictures to complete their fire house. (if you can't visit a fire house, you can still make a "fire house" and talk about fire fighters).

Activity #2 Simon Says

The girls play a version of simon says. In this version, the girls only obey Simon if Simon is wearing a hat of authority, which are a police hat, fire hat, teacher hat, parent hat, bus driver, etc . Supply lots of dress-up hats and have Simon keep swapping hats between hats of authority and silly hats (i.e. moose antlers, Donald Duck, Minnie Mouse, crown, hardhat, pirate hat).

Activity #3 Red Light, Green Light

Play a game of red light, green light. Discuss how they were respectful of the "authority" by asking permission to move.

Activity #4 Airport and Train Stations

Visit or talk about a busy airport or train station and ask what would happen if two planes or two trains tried to come in to the same spot at the same time. Explain that in order to keep that from happening there are controllers who tell every pilot or engineer

where they need to go. Ask for examples of other types of authority that need to be respected to help us avoid crashes or other problems.

Activity #5 Create A Neighborhood Mural

Create a mural starting with a family, adding drawings and/ or pictures of all the people whose work helps the members in the family. Don't forget teachers, doctors, librarians, etc.

Activity #6 Musical Band

Gather some simple percussion or musical instruments. Or create your own instruments. Use them to show how a band needs to respect the conductor by first allowing the girls to bang away and play on their own. Then coordinate the beat and put it to a simple song. Expand on the idea that Police, parents, teachers and the like are much like the conductor, insuring harmony in our lives.

CLOSING: MANNERS POEM

We say, "Thank you."

We say, "Please."

We don't interrupt or tease.

We don't argue. We don't fuss.

We listen when folks talk to us.

We share our toys and take our turn.

Good manners aren't too hard to learn.

It's really easy, when you find.

Good manners means

JUST BEING KIND!

