

EVERY ONE COUNTS

Respecting everyone

Demonstrating respect is an essential component of character and citizenship education. Respecting all living things is an attitude outcome throughout the science curriculum and showing respect for self and others is a component of the health curriculum. The concept that every one counts regardless of background, beliefs, appearance, and often for the case of animals, perceived value is at the heart this. Every living thing has intrinsic value that necessitates respect and compassion and discussing the notion that every one counts helps empower students to make choices that positivity impact themselves and others.

Introduce this poster and discuss the following:

Discussion Questions

- What does “every one counts” mean to you?
- Do you agree with the statement? Why or why not?
- What does it mean to respect someone or something? Does every person deserve respect? Do all animals deserve respect?
- What ways that we can demonstrate respect for Ourselves? Others? Animals? The environment?
- What are some reasons people do not always show respect to other people? Animals? The environment? Do you think these are good reasons?
- How do you feel when other show you respect? Why is it important to show respect?

Activity:

1. Download the [Comparing Pet Rabbits and Owls](#) activity sheet. Using the Venn diagram provided, list similarities and differences between pet rabbits and owls. *(Although these animals are very different, they both have value and deserve respect!)*
2. Have students identify each animal on the poster as pet, farm and wild animal. Have students create their own posters with different animals they feel need more respect or expand the poster to include animals, people and the environment. Students can use the template on the reverse side, or create their own posters.

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