

# Cool Tool

## *Using Respectful Language at School*

### **School-Wide Expectations: Respect Yourself, Respect Others, and Respect Your Environment**

#### **Purpose of the Lesson:**

To show respect to ourselves, others, and our community on the way to and from school.

#### **Teaching Examples:**

1. You are in the classroom, working on homework at your desk. The person next to you is bothering you. You are frustrated by their behavior and want to call them a name, but you remember that we don't call people names at school, even though we may do that at home. *You remember to use your school words, and ask the person nicely to stop bothering you.*
2. A teacher sees a boy shove another boy during the soccer game at lunch recess. She calls the boys over to talk to them about their behavior. At home a kid might loudly say to their mother "I didn't do anything!" or "He pushed me first!" *However, you remember when an adult at school calls you over you must be calm, use kind words and a respectful tone of voice.*
3. You are working quietly at your desk. You make a mistake on your assignment and will need to erase. You feel frustrated and start to say something under your breath, but *you remember that we only use respectful words at school. You take a deep breath and erase your mistake.*
4. You are walking into school with your brother. You start to call him a name (like you do at home), but then *you remember that at school we only use kind words when talking to others. You use his real name to get his attention instead.*

#### **Role Plays**

1. Have the students verbalize and practice situations where inappropriate language has been a problem for students in your classroom encouraging the use of appropriate school language.
2. Have students discuss why it is important to use respectful language in school.
3. Ask students to brainstorm appropriate words or things to do when they are about to use language that is not acceptable for school.

#### **Follow-up**

1. Give star cards to students who demonstrate appropriate language in and around the school.
2. Point out good examples of respectful school language.