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## RED CHOICE \& GREEN CHOICE

## TIPS \& TRICKS

There are a TON of green and red choice cards included. Use only the ones that best fit your students) or class. For example, if spitting is not a problem don't use spitting. Each year I use different green and red choice cards. I even change them over the year as my class grows, changes, and/or new students join my class.

Using too many green \& red choice cards will overwhelm students. You want students to easily remember what green choices they can make. If you have too many they will not be able to remember them.

Introduce the green \& red choice board during circle time or a class meeting. This way you can have an open discussion about them. Students can ask questions and talk about them.

Introduce the choices a handful at a time, not all at once. Explain the choices in concrete terms to the students so they will understand what the choice is, what it looks, and what it sounds like.


## RED CHOICE \& GREEN CHOICE POSTERS

To Make: Print the choice cards, headers, and glue/Velcro to laminated green and red construction paper/poster board. I use Velcro so I can easily change out the choice cards when needed. I can also pull them off to redirect a student when needed.

Big/Class Poster: Post the green \& red choice poster in your classroom all year long. Put it in a place where students can use them as a tool to help them make a green choice. I keep my green \& red choice poster at students' level in my circle area. Teacher and students can use the poster as a visual reference/reminder all year long
Individual Posters: They can be used to create small boards for individual students.


## UTILIZING CLASS MEETINGS

Class Meetings are a great way to introduce the green and red choice board, practice or act out making green choices, talk/reflec $\dagger$ about green and red choices more in detail, and celebrate students' successes!
WHY? Don't forget to have class meetings and/or discussions about WHY they should make green choices!

Class meetings are a fabulous way to build a classroom community!

If there is a reoccurring problem in your classroom have a class meeting to talk about the red choices students are making and what green choices they could make instead.

What happens when they or their friends are not making a green choice? It is a good thing to talk about what they can do when their friend isn't making a green choice. For example, what if their friend is using mean words to another friend. Should they say something to them, should they get a teacher, or should they ignore them?


## PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE

Provide MANY opportunities for students to practice making good choices. At the beginning of the year, throughout the year as problems arise, and after breaks.

Prompts: Giving verbal, visual, and/or physical prompts or cues can help a student make a green choice. "I see your friend is watching you play. Try asking him to play with you."
Model, Model, Model: Model making green choices with staff and students. Talk out loud when you are modeling. "My friend is sitting next to me and we are both exploring the shells. I need to make a green choice and share the shells with her."
Verbal Praise: Comment and praise students who are solving problems. Be specific with your praise. "Great job waiting for your turn." Cheer them on! Practice with Puppets: Use puppets to practice green choices. Have students act out each green choice with puppets. Give students simple language they can use. Research tells us to have students practice what they SHOULD do. You can act out a red choice but only have students act out GREEN CHOICES.

## I CAN MAKE GREEN CHOICES SONG

Singing is a fun and active way to practice the problem making green choices. Sing the song to the tune of "Mary had a Little Lamb". If you have puppets you can use them for this song! Puppets just make it more fun! It also allows them to be someone else and some students will be more verbal if they can pretend to be someone else. Research tells us not to have students practice making red choices. Only have students practice making choices you WANT them to make!
At the end of each verse, students can act out the green choice (with or without puppets).


## Song

I can make green choices, green choices, green choices. I can make green choices. Let me show you how. Maybe I can wait, wait, wait. Maybe I can wait. Let me show you how. (Students pretend to wait)

I can make green choices, green choices, green choices. I can make green choices. Let me show you how. Maybe I can use my words, use my words, use my words. Maybe I can use my words. Let me show you how. (Students turn and tell their friend something like "Can I have a crayon?")

## GREEN CHOICES SONG

I can make green choices,
green choices, green choices.
I can make green choices. Let me show you how.

Maybe I can wait, wait, wait. Maybe I can wait. Let me show you how.
(Students pretend to wait)
(sing using other green choices)

## USING CHILDREN'S LTTERATURE

Most books have characters interacting with each other. Use this as an opportunity to talk about making green/red choices. Students will be able to relate to the characters in the book. It gives them examples of what to do or what not to do.

Before, during and after you read, talk about how the character(s) are making green/red choices. It may be the focus of my lesson or I may just touch on it for a few minutes. Use those teachable moments that come up as you are reading!

Have students give a thumbs up when a character makes green choice and a thumbs down when they make a red choice.

If a character is making a red choice, talk about what the characters could do instead! Students LOVE telling you what someone is doing wrong so use it as a teaching strategy when you read.

If you do this often, students will be thinking about how they characters act as you read on their own! They will shout out if a character is making a red choice and tell you what they could do instead without prompting!

The next three pages are some of my favorite books I use in my classroom throughout the year that are abouto character.


## Making Green <br> oices look list

Read themed and seasonal books throughout the year to reteach and review Green and Red Choices as needed.


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 in the Big-Big DarkTHE RAINBOW FISH MARCUS PFISTER

# Making <br> Greenbook list 

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## GREEN CHOICE NECKLACES

Make a green choice necklace and wear it in your classroom! Print the cards, cut apart, hole punch, put on a book ring, and attach to a lanyard. You can support students' good choices without having to go to where they are posted. Just show the picture cards as a visual on your necklace.
Ask the child, "What green choice are you going to make?". Flip each choice card and talk with the student, or the student can tell you if that green choice will work for the situation.
Choice necklaces can also be created for individual students to wear!


# SMALL GREEN CHOICE CARDS 



I can make green choices!

gentle hands

calm body

give hugs

help others


work hard

play with my friends
listen

ask others to play


# MORE SMALL GREEN CHOICE CARDS 


kind words

take turns

use materials
saf ely


MORE SMALL GREEN CHOICE CARDS
learn at

raise my hand

look at the speaker

answer the question

recycle

use my walking feet

quiet voice

put my things away

calm down

be a friend

follow directions




MORE SMALL

## RED CHOICE

 CARDS
invade others' space

tantrum



gentle hands

give hugs

calm body

ask others to play

wait

kind words


## keep my hands

 $\dot{\varepsilon}$ feet to myself
take turns


put my things away



raise my hand


look at the speaker

quiet voice

work hard


## RED CHOICE CARDS <br> (6 to a page) <br> p. 24-27

hit

not follow
directions


## not sit <br> criss cross

## mean words



## take everything






## color the furniture


make someone sad

be a bully

stay mad

laugh at someone

invade others'
space

pull hair

tantrum

say bad words



CHART
HEADERS
(NO THUMBS)




## CHART

 HEADERS WITH THUMBS


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## GREEN CHOICE BOOK

Make a green choice class book or individual student books! Use all the pages or just the pages that match the green choice cards you are using on your poster.

You can read the book during class meetings or read the book for circle time.

Put the blackline copy in a center. The center activity can be to make their own Green Choices book.

If individual students are struggling to make green choices, make a copy of the book and send it AT HOME with them. They can read AT HOME with their family about green choices. This is a fun way to strengthen the home school connection.

Keep the book in your classroom library ALL YEAR LONG! Students can read and reread the book to themselves or a friend throughout the year.










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## PARENT INTRODUCTION NOTES

Send home the Green \& Red Choices parent note to strengthen the home school connection and help parents understand what green and red choices are.

## 3 Notes are Included:

- Basic Green \& Red Choices Note
- Green \& Red Choices Note WITH behavior charts included
- Green \& Red Choices Note WITH sticker charts included

There is ALSO an editable Green \& Red Choices Note! Just edit the text as you wish! You will need to open the file in PowerPoint if you would like to edit it. Directions are on the first page.

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## POSITIVE NOTES HOME

Positive Notes Home are a great way to increase the home school connection, build a caring classroom community, and develop positive relationships with your students and their families. For more fun, copy the notes on green paper! Get it....green choices note on green paper!

Send positive notes home when you see students making a green choice. It's easy. Just copy and cut.

Shout Outs: Instead of giving the student the note right after they make a green choice, save them until the end of the day for "shout outs". At the end of the day do your "shout outs" or read all the positive notes to celebrate students making green choices! My class LOVES shout outs. I love seeing a smile on a student's face when they are given a compliment. It is a great way to end the day on a positive note!

Adding Student "Shout Outs": To add a student component to your "shout outs", have students give a "shout out" to a friend that they saw making a green choice. It is a great way for students to point out something positive about their friends!


I'm proud of myself because I made GREEN CHOICES!



## STICKER CHARTS

Many of you have been asking how I reward students who make green choices. I mostly use positive verbal praise and high fives.

However some kids need external motivation, so I created a few sticker charts for you to use! Kids LOVE stickers, right? And they are cheap! You can put them on your supply list or wish list at back to school. If you need to buy stickers check out the Target Dollar Spot, Michaels dollar area, or the Dollar Tree.

There are two designs and three different sizes to choose from!

Printing tip: You guessed it....green choices chart on green paper!
***If you need less boxes, cut the sticker chart in the middle right under the top ten frame.




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## BEHAVIOR CHARTS

Many of you have been asking if I could create a communication system to increase the communication about a child's behavior between school and home. So here it is!

Daily, weekly, and monthly behavior charts are a way for you to communicate with parents about a child's behavior. You pick if you want to use daily, weekly, or monthly behavior charts. You can use this with your whole class OR just with individual students.

How it works: At the end of the day you or your students color the thumb/face green if they have made mostly green choices and red if they have made mostly red choices. Make any notes you need to at the bottom of the page/day. It can be placed in their home folders or notebooks if you use that system in your classroom.
**There are two monthly charts. One is for a 4 week month and the other is for a 5 week month.
**You can do a weekly chart even if your students don't come 5 days a week. Print the weekly chart WITHOUT the days of the week on the side column. Simply cut off the days you don't need.



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