

School Pride: Lesson One

Lesson Title: Be Proud of our school

Objective: To introduce a feeling of pride in our school

Grade: 6/8 **Time:** 25-30 minutes

Materials: Board and Marker

1. Ask the students to tell the class good things they have heard about our school. Write the list on the board.
2. Explain that there are many things that students at your school have reported they are proud of. Pass out the 'Why are you proud of our school?' sheet. Explain that this sheet is a list of things that other students have reported that make them proud. Ask the students to rate one through five of things about which they could be proud. If they are new to the school and don't know much about the school, rate what things you think are important to make a good school.
3. After the students have finished the worksheet, ask the students split up into groups of three to six people.
4. Ask the students to share their rating to the group, and have a recorder write it down. The recorder should compile the group's ratings.
5. Ask the reporters to share the group's top five objects of pride to the class. Write the results on the board.
6. Review the groups' answers on the board. Write the top five most common answers from the groups on the board.
7. Discuss with students if they agree with these answers.
8. Explain that this is our school and the students and adults in this building will decide if this school is that people can be proud of.

Why are you proud of our school?

This is a list of what makes students the most proud of their school.

Rate one through five the things that would make you the most proud of our school.

- Good After-School Program
- Students learn a lot
- Science Team
- Math Team
- Good Teachers
- Students feel safe
- Most students are nice to each other
- Sports Teams
- Students follow rules
- Band
- Good friends at school
- Good Video Production
- Theater Group/Plays
- Good Activities like Fun Day and going to amusement park
- Helpful students
- Adults in the school care about students
- Other _____
- Other _____
- Other _____
- Other _____

School Pride: Lesson Two

Lesson Title: How can we make our school a place people are proud of

Objective: To examine how we can make our school a good place

Grade: 6/8 **Time:** 25-30 minutes

Materials: Board and Marker

1. Ask the students: What were the five things we decided that students could be most proud of our school. Write the answers on the board.
2. Tell the class that last week we discussed who decided if our school is a place you can be proud of. Ask the students: Who are the people that decide if we have a good school?
3. Explain to the class that the adults who work here want to make our school a good place to learn. Write on the board:
Adults will 1) Help students learn important skills 2) Have positive relationships with students 3) Ensure that students follow school rules 4) Do their best.
4. Ask students: Write down what you think adults in the building need to do to help make our school a good place to learn.
5. Have students share their answers. Write the answers on the board. Discuss these answers with the class.
6. Ask students: What do students need to do help make our school a good place to learn?
7. Have students share their answers. Write the answers on the board. Discuss these answers with the class.
8. Review with the students: If we make our school a good place to learn, are involved in extra-curricular activities, are respectful and supportive to people in our school, we will have a school everybody can be proud of.