Functional Approach to Character Education
Counselor Lesson Plan for Second Grade

**Character Lesson:** Respect: Using good manners

**Estimated Length of Lesson:** 30-45 minutes or more

**Learning Objective (SOL):** Oral Language 2.1 b,c,d, 2.2b; Civics 2.10a,c

**VA School Counseling Standards:** EC2, EP1, EP2, EP4

**Objectives:**
- Students will understand the importance of using good manners and appropriate behavior

**Materials:** ‘Use Polite Words’ by Wonder-Grove Productions, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q1W3mbjDT70
- Good Manners Worksheet, positive teacher comments, crayons/colored pencils/markers

**Lesson:**
1. Prior to class ask third grade teachers (classroom and specials) to email you examples of how the students have displayed good manners and polite behavior.

2. Read positive comments to the class and let the students know their good manners and polite behavior makes the school a better place for everyone.

3. Show the video ‘Use Polite Words’

4. Distribute Good Manners Worksheet and crayons/colored pencils/markers.

5. Ask students to circle the polite words as you read them aloud. After each word, ask class to shout out the polite word!

Although the curriculum was designed to be challenging and to promote student growth, teachers and counselors are encouraged to modify the FACE Curriculum to meet the learning style and educational needs of individual students.

**Assessment:** Did students understand the importance of using good manners and appropriate behavior? Did they feel ownership of their positive behavior in the classroom and throughout the school?