Area: Show Respect

Title: Words of Respect

Objective: Students will discuss respect, promote group building, and come up with a class definition of respect.

Materials: Board or overhead
          Paper
          Writing utensils

Activity:
1. Write the following quote on the board:
   
   “We must respect others even as we respect ourselves.”
   – U. Thant

2. Ask the class to brainstorm other words that could replace “respect” within the quote on the board. Make a list of suggestions on the board.

3. Divide the class into groups of three or four students. Each group must now create a new way to demonstrate the meaning of this quote. Encourage the students to try one of the following: draw a picture; sing a song; perform a short skit; or tell a story. Allow for five to ten minutes (or more) to prepare the assignment.

4. Ask each group to share their work with the larger class. Facilitate feedback/response to each presentation when it is finished.

Closure: Discuss the following questions (or journal):

1. “How did this assignment affect your understanding of respect?”
2. “Which idea did you find most meaningful or true? Why?”
3. “How did your group show respect to each other as you worked on the assignment?”
4. “Why is it important to respect ourselves as well as others?”