



1st Grade

Unit 1: Explore My School

Essential Question #4: What is my role and responsibility at school?

Lesson Title: Responsible Behavior: Honesty

SS Standard II, Objective 2

Implementation Time: 45 minutes

Media Resources Needed: *A Big Fat Enormous Lie* by Marjorie Sharmat; *The Empty Pot* by Demi

Materials Needed:

Chart paper
Markers
Art paper
Crayons

Procedure:

1. Read the book *A Big Fat Enormous Lie* to the class and discuss. Reinforce how important it is to tell the truth and to think about the consequences of your actions (how they impact self, others, peers).

2. Draw a cause and effect graphic organizer on the chart paper (see sample below); model common examples of what students might do:

I ate all the cookies-----mom got mad-----I had time out

Susie took Sarah's necklace-----Sarah was sad----Sarah won't play with Susie

The dog chewed my homework-----my teacher was upset----I did it over

I broke a glass-----I said Tom did it-----I got grounded

3. Play "Truth or Lie" game with the children. Tell either a lie or a truth centered around classroom/playground rules, appropriate behaviors, etc. Instruct students to give you a "thumbs down" if they think your statement is a lie and a "thumbs up" if they think your



statement is the truth. Make sure situations are based on classroom community/content so that students are familiar with what is true/not true.

4. Read *The Empty Pot* and discuss with students.

5. Have students create their own cause & effect graphic organizer on a blank sheet of paper. Have them write/draw about a time they were dishonest and the consequences that followed.

Extension:

Assign students to use paper and crayons to create their own “lie monster.” Tell students to display their monster at home to remind them to tell the truth.

Cause & Effect Graphic Organizer SAMPLE

