Maggie’s Civics Corner

Lesson 32 – Identifying our school leaders

Maggie Says...
Think back to your last day at school. Who unlocked the doors to the school that morning? Who locked the doors that night when your school closed? A school needs leaders to operate—principals, teachers, and administrators. There are a lot of adults in your school who sacrifice and use their words and actions for good. I loved hearing about wonderful teachers and principals in my home! I know those same teachers and principals are working hard to try and help their students even though they are not around them.

Today’s lesson is about identifying your school leaders. This is a great way to reflect on the adults who have made a difference in your life at school. Theses adults are still working hard and thinking of you every day. Make them proud today by working hard on this lesson.

Sticky Situation: Your favorite teacher tells you that they will be absent from school tomorrow because they have jury duty. Jury duty is a responsibility every U.S. citizen has to fulfill when she or he is called. Your teacher tells you that she will be getting a substitute teacher that has “similar leadership traits” as her. (“Traits” are characteristics or behaviors).

Activity: What are your favorite teacher’s best leadership traits? Write them below.

Next, write a letter to that teacher, and let them know that you appreciate their leadership style. Make sure to write down the specific things that you appreciate about their leadership.

Dear ___________________,

Civic Resources: Watch this video of students thanking their teacher: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wTGMAEjrJcM. Think about ways you can thank your teachers now for all you are doing with them.