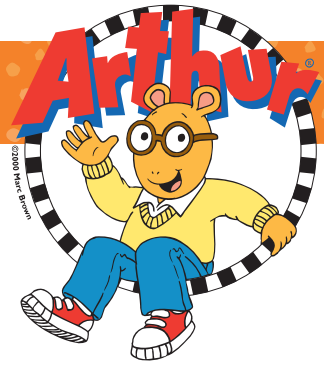


# Welcome to Arthur Civics!



Dear Families,

In the weeks to come, we'll be using the PBS KIDS series ARTHUR to learn about civics. You might wonder what civic education looks like in the primary grades. Keep reading to learn about the civics concepts we'll explore, how we'll use ARTHUR, and what you can do at home to reinforce what happens in the classroom.

ARTHUR is a great way to start conversations and explore a variety of civics topics that children can easily relate to. The stories are told with humor and explore the same values that a good citizen possesses. When children watch the show, they're not only entertained, but they also learn important lessons about respecting and understanding others, problem solving, and being a good friend and a member of a community—all important civics concepts!

The ARTHUR episodes that we'll be watching in class and the accompanying activities address three important areas of civic education:

- 1. Respect for Self and Others** — appreciating diversity, learning from others, finding your voice, and cooperating
- 2. Civil Discourse** — talking about real-world issues, being open-minded, minding your manners, and resolving conflicts peacefully
- 3. Being a Good Citizen** — working together to improve the community, speaking out, and learning how the government and rule of law work

There are many things you can do at home to reinforce the learning at school. Here are a few ideas that tie into our study of civics:

- Watch the episodes again together and discuss them. To find the episodes, go to [Civics: Making a Difference](#). Talk about the problems the characters face and what they did to solve them.
- Play [Arthur's Park Game | ARTHUR](#) with your child. In this interactive game, children help Arthur fundraise, clean up an empty lot, and turn the lot into a community park.
- Read the [ARTHUR Civics Family Guide](#). This guide gives more background about civic education and includes a list of books that address civics topics that you can read to your child.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions about ARTHUR or our study of civics.

Sincerely,



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