

# MS. DEB'S NEWSLETTER

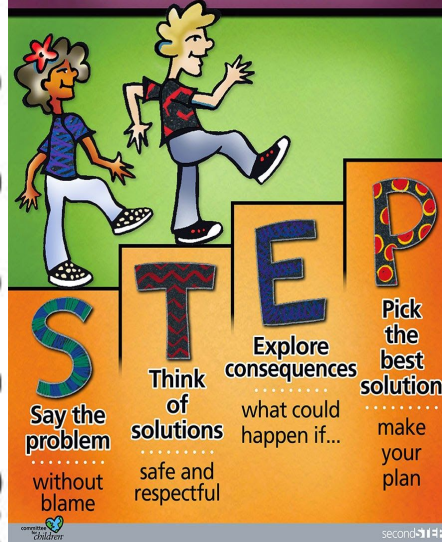
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This newsletter summarizes the social/emotional lesson topics that the teachers and I will be presenting this month.

Take every opportunity to talk with our students about the importance of these lessons.

Every adult in their life can teach them that having social/emotional intelligence will help them have a happy and successful life.

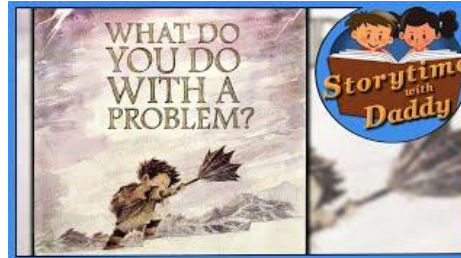
### Problem-Solving Steps



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April 3rd-28th

### CRITICAL THINKING



### Big Problem or Small Problem?

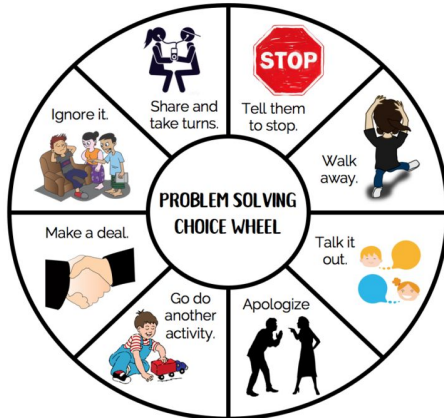


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### WHAT CAN I DO?

Do you have a small or medium problem?  
Try 2-3 of the following solutions.



Do you have a **BIG** problem?  
Go tell an adult.

I followed the STEP method when I had a problem and my solution didn't work. I guess I just can't solve my problem.

I followed the STEP method when I had a problem and my solution didn't work. I'm going to keep trying different solutions until I solve my problem.

Are you going to quit like the person above the **RED** line or will you try different solutions like the person below the **RED** line?

**It's your choice!**

*Problem Solving:  
The process of finding  
solutions to difficult issues*

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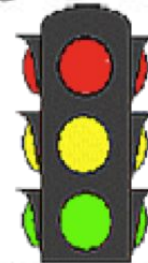
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Grades 3-5 short videos:

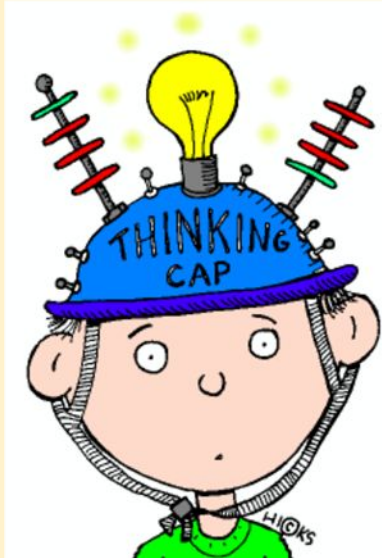
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**Stop  
Think  
Do**

# TRY THE STEP METHOD TO SOLVE THESE PROBLEMS

(GRADES TK-2)



## Problem Solving Scenarios

1. Someone else has something that you want.

2. Another student is saying mean things.

3. You ask the teacher for something and he/she tells you "no".

4. You are talking to someone, but they are not listening to you.

5. You need to get someone's attention.

6. You don't want recess to end.

# TRY THE STEP METHOD TO SOLVE THESE PROBLEMS

(GRADES 3-5)



1. It is 8 o'clock on a Monday night and you just remembered that you have several pages of math homework that you forgot to complete. You get started and cannot remember how to solve the equations that you learned in class today. What should you do?
3. Justin and his friends tried out for the baseball team but Justin didn't make it. Now, it's all his friends talk about and he feels left out. What could Justin do?

2. You have been assigned to complete a group project for science class. In your group, it is you and 2 other students. You make plans to meet up at the library after school to get started on the project, but only one group member shows up. What should you do?
4. Carly and Sara have been best friends since they were in kindergarten. They talked on the phone every day and hung out at every recess. Now, Carly has a new friend. Carly is not hanging out with Sara anymore. What should Sara do?