

Kid Scoop

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Today's Kid Scoop page is to start you talking! Read each section and then discuss the questions.

Talk About Teasing

Why do kids tease? Some teasing starts out to be fun, but then it goes too far and turns negative and hurtful. Some kids tease because they feel bad about themselves, or they are sad or scared. Some kids tease to go along with the crowd. They think teasing other children will make them look cool.

Lydia is teasing Julie about her messy hair. Circle what Julie is thinking. Why did you choose the thought you selected?



Funny is not the same for everyone. One person may think getting teased about their hair is funny. Another person might find getting teased about their hair painful.

TALK ABOUT IT! When and why have you teased someone in the past?

Standards Link: Health: Students know strategies for solving interpersonal conflicts without harming self or others.

TALK ABOUT IT! When is teasing fun and when is it painful?

Look at the examples of teasing below. Cross out the examples that you think are hurtful. Circle the ones you think are funny. Not everyone will circle and cross out the same pictures. Why is that?

So, how's it going, Four Eyes?

Nice work, Professor Einstein!

Good catch today, Freckle Face!

How's the weather down there, Shorty?

What is something this kid could say that is funny but not hurtful?

TALK ABOUT IT! What are some good ways to deal with being teased?

Too much teasing is **bullying**. When you see bullying, there are safe things you can do to make it stop. Below are a few things you can do to help a person that has been upset by teasing. Which would you try first? With a parent, discuss each of these helpful tips.

- Talk to a parent, teacher, or another adult you trust. Adults need to know when bad things happen so they can help.
- Be kind to the kid being bullied. Sit with them at lunch or on the bus or invite them to do something. Just hanging out with them will help.
- Not saying anything could make it worse for everyone. The kid who is teasing will think it is ok to keep treating others that way.

TALK ABOUT IT! What do you think kids should do if they are embarrassed or hurt by teasing?

Go through the print or electronic edition of your newspaper and find three nouns, three verbs and six adjectives. Combine these to make three silly sentences.

Extra! Extra! Make Silly Sentences

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Standards Link: Grammar: Identify and correctly use nouns, verbs and adjectives.

Bullying is meant to hurt, intimidate, embarrass and threaten. It can happen online, through social media, through texting but also on the playground or after school. It's important to tell a trusted adult if you are being bullied or if you see another child being bullied.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Double Double Word Search

Missing Math

Make the sum of this row 15.

$$8 + \square + 7 + 6 - 10 = 15$$

Make the sum of this row 11.

$$11 + \square + 4 + \square - 12 = 11$$

Make the sum of this row 17.

$$3 + \square + 5 + 9 - \square = 17$$

Standards Link: Mathematical Reasoning: Use a variety of strategies to solve problems.

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

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R	L	L	G	N	I	S	A	E	T
E	D	U	S	T	O	P	E	G	L
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T	S	U	R	T	I	N	B	T	D
E	G	M	A	N	R	N	A	I	A
N	U	L	G	S	T	U	D	V	S
T	K	S	O	P	L	E	H	E	P

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Talk About the News

Choose a print or online newspaper article. List three reasons why it interests you. Ask a buddy to read the article and list reasons he or she finds it interesting. Did you have the same reasons? Talk about it!

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Read from a variety of expository texts; summarize and answer questions.

Why did the window cry?

ANSWER: Because it had a pane.

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