

R. O. A. R. - Accountability

Essential Question: Is it important for each of us to recognize how our actions affect each other? What kind of people do we become if we learn to be accountable for our choices?

Picture a pool table, all set for the first shot, when I shoot the ball, how does it affect the others?

Watch the attached video.

<http://www.tubechop.com/watch/6664211>

If he shoots the first ball fast and with force, what happens?

(The other balls will move fast and with force)

If I shoot the first ball slow and gentle what happens?

(The other balls will move slow and gentle . . . whatever the “first” ball does affects the others)

Does anyone know what the “first” ball shot in pool is called? Why do they think that is the name?

(The other balls take their cue from that one, their movement is decided by that a ball, their direction, their speed, and their destination.)

What is the difference between those pool balls and us?

We CHOOSE to react. If we get hit by another ball, we can choose to reverse the direction. We can CHOOSE kindness.

Talking points:

Bring out to that our actions, much like the cue ball, affect others and our attitudes are contagious, good or bad. You have a choice each day as to what you will pass to others, and you are accountable for that choice, and how it affects others.

Closing:

Watch <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fr1EaffZ4w> “Cross the Line”

Script the possible “setbacks” and “challenges” of middle school.

How do we avoid them?

Ask students to share with a neighbor what choices they are going to make this year to CROSS THE LINE to greatness this school year!

How are you going to accomplish that goal?