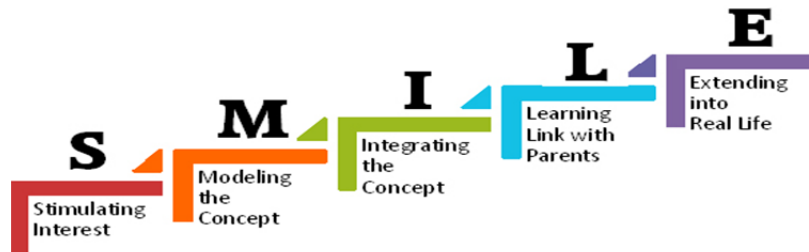




How Do We Teach It?

A systematic and effective five-step teaching process called **SMILE** has been developed uniquely for the AEGIS Character Education curriculum. It teaches and reinforces the basic skills and concepts of the program. Through this teaching process, the children are able to learn, value, and commit to applying the character concepts and skills.



Stimulating Interest

Fun activities, stories, and games get the students' attention and introduce the unit concept(s).

Modeling the Concept

Students are given examples of the unit concept(s) from literature and/or activities. Teacher directed discussions clearly explain the concept(s).

Integrating the Concept

This step connects the new concept(s) to the students' prior knowledge and to the other concepts taught in the program.

Learning Link with Parents

Parents/guardians and students are provided the opportunity to interact through activities or other homework assignments. This step reinforces the concept(s) being taught, encourages parents to support what is being taught, and lets parents add their own perspectives to the concepts.

Extending into Real Life

The students have the chance to apply the character concept(s) to actual situations in their homes, classrooms, or communities.