

# Golden Table Dedication at Your School

## FOURTH GRADE AND OLDER

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Why would this be important in the Dallas area? (age appropriate conversation)

Many feel hesitant or uncertain about how they will be treated, even in their own neighborhood. People with #BeGolden and Compassionate DFW gave us this Golden Table to create a gathering place for us to share **empathy, compassion, civility, respect, optimism, unity and courage**. We hope this Golden Table can pull us together as neighbors no matter what, to help us build a more welcoming community including for those who are not from the United States.

This Golden Table will be a constant reminder to focus on others.

- Don't look down on anyone
- Get curious about someone who has a different background than you.
- Even when you are not treated well, remember The Golden Rule.
- Give the compassion and respect you want to receive, even if we need to work out differences.
- Create new possibilities together.

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## YOUNG STUDENTS – THIRD GRADE AND YOUNGER

Who can tell us The Golden Rule?

Why is that important to remember?

When we come together at this table, how can we honor The Golden Rule?

How can we make everyone feel welcome?

(If they are having trouble with answers, perhaps you can fill in with some.)

How can we recognize when someone is hesitant and does not feel welcome?

- By themselves.
- A new classmate.
- Someone who is from another culture or speaks another language.

What can we do to help them feel welcome?

- Invite them!
- Share something with them.
- Ask about their family and where they're from.
- Find out what you have in common.

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