**Citizenship: Kelso’s Choices**

“Kelso’s Choices” is our building wide program designed to help children learn conflict-resolution skills and strategies. All students have learned the difference between a small and big problem. Small problems are problems in which no one is or could get hurt. Big problems are problems in which someone is or could get hurt. Students are taught that they are smart enough to solve small problems and they should turn to an adult for a big problem. Once this premise is built the children are taught all nine of “Kelso’s Choices” (conflict-resolution strategies). Kelso’s Choices include: Talk it out; Share and take turns; Ignore it; Walk away; Tell them to stop; Apologize; Make a deal; Wait and cool off; Go to another game. Our goal is for all to students develop effective problem-solving skills that they can use again and again. It will help them to deal with conflict in a positive manner and to make appropriate decisions.