



## Maggie's Civics Corner

### Lesson #1 - All About Rules

#### Maggie Says...

*In these difficult times, as our nation and the world pull together, it is more important than ever to understand our role as a citizen.*

*Today's lesson is about **RULES**. As a dog I have to follow a lot of rules: No jumping on people. No sitting on the furniture. No scaring my neighbors with loud barking.*

**Sticky Situation:** Being an active citizen means you take a stand and take action to support that stand. For example, you might think there should be new foods for lunch in the school cafeteria and, therefore, you make a proposal to present to your Principal. In what way(s) are you an active citizen?

**Activity:** Maggie shared that she has to be mindful of her barking. She knows she should not bark late at night and possibly wake her family and even her neighbors. With the current rules about staying in our own houses, we have some new rules we might want to put in place about making noise. What rules would you suggest if the adults in your house have to “work from home”? What rules do you have in your classroom?

**Civics Resources:** The ultimate rule or set of rules for our nation is the Constitution. Check out the *We The Civics Kids* Lesson, featuring Maggie's Mom, Judge Marjorie Rendell, at the following link on the National Constitution Center's website:

[https://constitutioncenter.org/media/files/CK130001\\_CivicsKids-2013-PAGES-FNL-Lesson2.pdf](https://constitutioncenter.org/media/files/CK130001_CivicsKids-2013-PAGES-FNL-Lesson2.pdf)