

Maggie's Civics Corner

Lesson #2 - More 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 continues the discussion about MORE RULES.

Rules are very important. Sometimes I am not that good and keeping them. I am not supposed to jump up on people, but I love visitors and sometimes I just get so excited when people come to the house that I jump on the visitor. I am also not supposed to beg at the dinner table. That is very hard for me because I love snacks.

Sticky Situation: There is a rule at Bell Avenue School, a K to 8 school, that students are not permitted to ride their bicycles to school. The rule has been in place for many years. Your community leaders are considering bike lanes so that the rules can be changed. You and your friends think that it is time for the rule to be changed, but you and your friends do not want to wait until the change occurs. You start to ride your bikes to school even though it is against the rules. What do you think would happen if everybody did that?

Activity: Have a conversation about the fact that rules are everywhere. There are rules in our homes, rules in school, rules on the street, rules in stores, there are rules everywhere. Have students give examples of rules in each of the places listed above. Then ask each student to do some research to learn who created each rule.

Civics Resources: Watch the [Schoolhouse Rock video *I'm Just a Bill*](#) to learn more about how a bill becomes a law.

