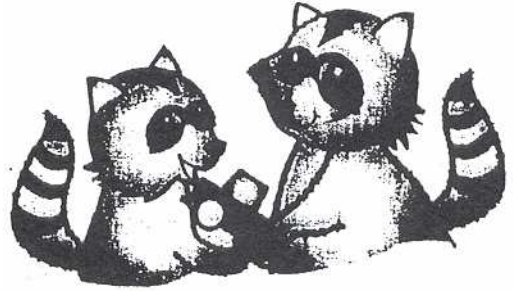


# Character Critters

## A Character Education Program for Preschool and Kindergarten Children and their Parents



(free to Kay County Oklahoma residents only)

### The Program

*Character Critters* is a story and activity approach to teaching character to preschool and kindergarten aged children.

The program was developed for use by teachers or Cooperative Extension staff and trained Extension volunteers.

The program teaches six concepts of character:

- Responsibility
- Trustworthiness
- Respect
- Caring
- Fairness
- Citizenship

### Goals and Objectives

Increase young children's understanding of character concepts.

Increase parent's understanding of character concepts and increase their involvement in developing their children's character.

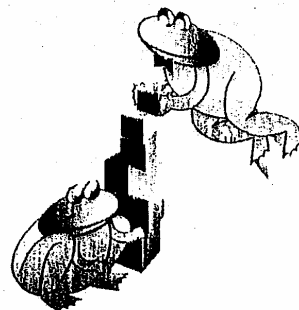
Increase community involvement in character education.

### Character Critters Includes:

Six full-color poster story sets to be presented to preschoolers in Head Start, child care, mother's day out programs, public school 4-year-old and kindergarten classes.

Features:

- Six stories with animals as the star on 30 full-color posters.
- Lesson plans for children's classroom activities.
- Take home activity sheets and letters to the parents.
- Parent meetings.



## Meet the Characters

**Roy the Rabbit** learns about *responsibility* by growing carrots for his family.

**Tommy the Turtle** works every day to become *trustworthy*.

**Rusty the Raccoon** plays with his sister and works on being *respectful*.

**Carrie the Cat** buys a tree to show her grandma how much she *cares*.

**Fran the Frog** works on *fairness* at school during cleanup.

**Cindy the Crab** visits the police station and learns about *citizenship*.

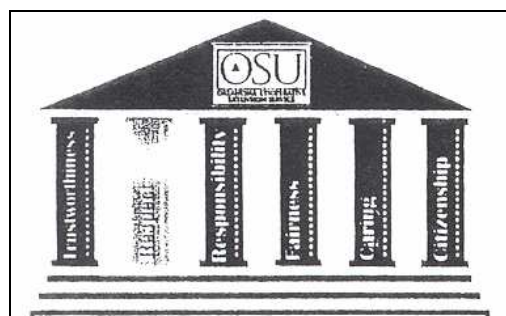
The Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Services Family and Consumer Sciences and 4-H Youth Development programs provide research-based life skills education to communities and families, enabling all to become self-reliant and nurturing individuals.

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## Character Education



*A collaborative program from Family & Consumer Sciences and*



## 4-H Youth Development

Character Critters is one of the Character Education Programs offered by the Cooperative Extension Service in collaboration with community and private partners. Other programs include: **Exercising Character, Showing Character, and Character in the Workplace.**

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