The Character Building Pocket Chart is the perfect way to bring character education into your classroom. Use the chart for individual lessons on character or keep it up as a bulletin board to remind students of good character traits throughout the school year.

The common character traits featured in this chart include: Respect, Citizenship, Responsibility, Honesty, Compassion, and Self-Discipline.

How to Use:
Highlight one of the character traits by placing the trait card in the top pocket to the left of the building. Place three associated example cards underneath the trait. (Note that each example card is marked by the same icon as its associated character trait.) Discuss the three defining examples of the character trait with your students. Ask them to think of other examples and use the blank cards provided to add the examples to the chart.
When you are ready to highlight a new character trait in your classroom, move the current character brick to the bottom of the building, remove the example cards. Now add a new trait and its three example cards to the chart. Explain to your students that all the traits combine to help build character. When all the character traits have been discussed and fill the chart, make sure to draw attention to how the schoolhouse has been completed by using all the “building blocks” of character.

In addition to discussing the examples of each character trait, you can also call attention to specific examples of good character by using the included blank name cards. When you observe a student displaying good character, write the student’s name on a blank card and place it in the pocket to the left of the building to highlight the character trait that the student exhibited.

**Note:** Use a wet- or dry-erase marker when writing on the cards to ensure repeated use. Test your marker on a corner of one card to ensure that your marker does not leave a permanent mark. Use a damp cloth when removing wet-erase marks from the cards. Cards will warp if saturated with water.

Cards not in use can be stored in the pockets at the bottom of the chart.