**Unit 1 Title:** Relationships: What Do Skills Have To Do With It?

**Lesson Title:** Ingredients of a Relationship Recipe  
**Lesson 1 of 5**

**Grade Level:** 6

**Length of Lesson:** 50 minutes

**Missouri Comprehensive Guidance and Counseling Big Idea:**
PS.2: Interacting With Others in Ways That Respect Individual and Group Differences

**Grade Level Expectation (GLE):**
PS.2.A.06: Identify the interpersonal skills needed to maintain quality relationships.

**American School Counselor Association (ASCA) National Standard:**
Personal/Social Development  
A: Students will acquire the knowledge, attitude and interpersonal skills to help them understand and respect self and others.

**Materials (include activity sheets and/ or supporting resources)**
Ingredients for a basic recipe i.e. peanut butter & jelly sandwich, drop cookies etc.  
*Guidelines: Ingredients for Relationship Recipe*
Plain piece of white 8 ½ x 5 1/2 paper or similar size index card for each student
Markers, crayons, color pencils, scissors, glue, construction paper, etc.
Paper and writing instrument

**Show Me Standards: Performance Goals (check one or more that apply)**

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<th>Goal 1: gather, analyze and apply information and ideas</th>
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<td>5. Comprehend and evaluate written, visual and oral presentations and works</td>
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<td>8. Organize data, information and ideas into useful forms (including charts, graphs, outlines) for analysis or presentation</td>
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<td>1. Plan and make written, oral and visual presentations for a variety of purposes and audiences</td>
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<td>3. Exchange information, questions and ideas while recognizing the perspectives of others</td>
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Goal 3: recognize and solve problems
Goal 4: make decisions and act as responsible members of society

**This lesson supports the development of skills in the following academic content areas.**

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Enduring Life Skill(s)

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Lesson Measurable Learning Objectives:
The student will identify five interpersonal skills needed to maintain a quality relationship.

Lesson Formative Assessment (acceptable evidence):
Assessment should relate to the performance outcome for goals, objectives and GLE. Assessment can be question answer, performance activity, etc.
Students will create a recipe card identifying the interpersonal skills needed to maintain quality relationships based on a given rubric.

Lesson Preparation

**Essential Questions:** What does a quality relationship look like and how is it maintained?

**Engagement (Hook):** Tell the students you are going to make i.e. a peanut butter and jelly sandwich (or your chosen basic recipe). Purposely forget the bread (or an essential ingredient for your chosen basic recipe). Begin to get the ingredients out naming them and telling the amount of each one needed. Make the sandwich without the bread, smearing the peanut butter on the plate with the jelly on top of it (or make your recipe without an essential ingredient). Ask the students what is wrong? What essential ingredient is missing? What happens when you make something without using essential ingredients?

Procedures

**Instructor Procedures/Instructional Strategies:**

1. The counselor will discuss with students the similarities between essential ingredients in a recipe and interpersonal skills needed to maintain quality relationships.

**Student Involvement/Instructional Activities:**

1. Students will discuss what essential ingredients have in common with interpersonal skills needed to maintain quality relationships. Students may see the similarity that when ingredients are left out of a recipe it does not turn out the best and that when essential interpersonal skills are left out of relationships it is hard to make and maintain quality relationships.
2. Ask the students to write down the ingredients/interpersonal skills they believe are needed to maintain quality relationships.

3. Ask students to share one at a time the skills they listed and discuss. Possible items: Good listeners, uses “I” messages, understands how feelings affect relationship, uses assertive behaviors, willing to compromise, etc. If students did not list some of the essential interpersonal skills, list them and discuss what each means.

4. After completing the discussion tell the students they are going to make a recipe card for maintaining quality relationships based on the ingredients that have been discussed or what they wrote down on their paper.

5. Hand out the guidelines for the recipe card and discuss what needs to be present on the card. Show students an example of a card that has been done.

6. Hand out the plain paper or large index cards. Have art supplies available and let students begin work.

7. Instruct students to turn the card over and write a personal goal related to how they might improve a particular relationship in their life by using one or more of the ingredients on their recipe card.

Teacher Follow-Up Activities

The teacher will be asked to collect the completed cards if time does not allow completion during the allotted lesson time. Recipe cards would be given to counselor(s) for use in office or they may be placed in the cafeteria, study halls, classrooms, given to 5th grade students, etc. If the teacher completes the activity, the teacher may need to write a referral for students who do not seem to understand the skills needed for maintaining quality relationships based on the content of the recipe card.
**Guidelines: Ingredients for Relationship Recipe**

1. *Card must be completed on paper given* (should only be on one side) and with your name on the back.
2. *Card must identify 5 interpersonal skills needed to maintain quality relationships* (check your spelling).
3. *Card should be decorated so that it is attractive.* Use crayons, markers, color pencils, construction paper, or drawings to decorate the card.