

Family Newsletter

Dear Parent:

Responsibility is the character trait of the month of October. This newsletter offers you activities and ideas, which will assist you with helping your child to understand the importance of responsibility. Responsibility is essential for becoming a healthy, happy, and productive person, and it is the basis for a free and civil society where each person does what he or she is expected to do. This belongs at home where children learn to take care of their belongings, clean up after themselves, do chores with a good attitude, finish their homework and resolve conflicts peacefully. Encourage your children to take responsibility in "little things" so they are ready for greater opportunities in the future!

Ideas to Do as a Family

- Have your child share with you about times they are responsible. Emphasize that being responsible requires knowing what is expected and not making excuses.
- Share with your child about something you did that required responsibility. Explain how you are responsible.
- Schedule daily household chores that your child will be responsible for.
- "Catch" your child being responsible and offer your encouragement by verbally showing your appreciation.
- Watch a movie or TV program together and discuss how the characters are being responsible.
- Volunteer as a family to do a community service project together.
- Remember that the best teaching tool is to always model the behavior you want your child to learn.



Character Education: Elementary

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Character Check

- Do your friends encourage you to be responsible?
- In what ways do you feel you are responsible?
- What are three ways you can be more responsible?

"Parents can only give good advice or put them on the right paths, but the final forming of a person's character lies in their own hands."
- Anne Frank



Once a week at a family meal, have family members tell about their responsibilities.