

RESPECT

Showing consideration and appreciation for yourself, others, and everything around you

Respectful people:

- .. Treat others the way they would like to be treated
- .. Follow rules and directions
- .. Accept others for who they are
- .. Listen to the ideas and opinions of others
- .. Care about the feelings of others
- .. Deal peacefully with anger, insults, and disagreements
- .. Use good manners and language
- .. Are polite to everyone
- .. Know that teasing and bullying hurts others; do not tease or bully others
- .. Keep bodies neat, clean, rested, and in shape
- .. Keep hands and feet to themselves
- .. Appreciate the beauty of plants, animals, and everything found in nature
- .. Maintain the condition of personal and public property
- .. Take care of the environment

RESPONSIBILITY

Doing your best, being accountable for your words, and taking care of your belongings and the property of others

Responsible people:

- .. Do what they are supposed to do even when no one is watching
- .. Follow established rules and encourage others to do so
- .. Keep on trying until the job is done
- .. Take care of their belongings and the belongings of others
- .. Think before acting
- .. Consider the consequences of every action
- .. Accept the consequences when things go wrong
- .. Avoid blaming others and making excuses
- .. Always do their best and set a good example
- .. Complete the whole task as instructed
- .. Come to school on time and prepared
- .. Return shared or borrowed material in the same condition and on time
- .. Use self control
- .. Use problem-solving and decision-making skills to peacefully resolve conflicts

TRUSTWORTHINESS

Being truthful and having the courage to do the right thing even when no one is looking

Trustworthy people:

- .. Tell the truth
- .. Follow through on what they say they will do
- .. Have the courage to do the right thing
- .. Keep promises
- .. Stand by family, friends, and community when it is the right thing to do
- .. Return things that they find that belong to others
- .. Establish a good reputation
- .. Set a good example



KINDNESS

Being caring and showing concern and compassion for others

Kind people:

- .. Think about the needs of other people
- .. Help others in need cheerfully, without being asked
- .. Understand the feelings of others
- .. Forgive others
- .. Praise and compliment others
- .. Say only nice things to people
- .. Use polite words such as please, thank you, and excuse me
- .. Greet people with a smile and a "Hello"
- .. Comfort people
- .. Share with others
- .. Listen to others
- .. Do good deeds without thought of reward

Translating knowledge and character into success

CHARACTER EDUCATION BEGINS AT HOME

One of Key School's goals is to develop civic-minded students of high character. We want all students to acquire the beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors necessary to do what is right simply because it is right. To that end, our Character Education committee involves students, staff, and parents in an active Character Education program that includes materials and speakers on character education topics, Character Rocks (a student run activity), in-school activities, and community service projects.

We promote four character traits -- Respect, Responsibility, Trustworthiness, and Kindness. Throughout the year, you will see materials and information in backpack mail and on the Key School website that highlight the program and these four traits.

We hope you will use these activities and materials to have discussions in your home about these traits, because character education begins at home. Children often pay more attention to what they see than what adults say. Show your children that "Character is Key" in your family.

Set a Good Example.

Emphasize the importance of good character within your family and circle of friends.

Establish clear rules and impose fair consequences.

Admit mistakes and seek to correct them. Encourage your children to do the same.

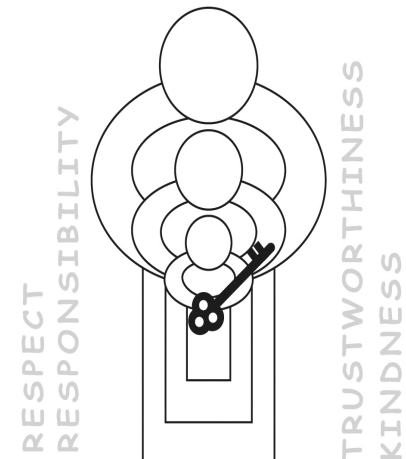
Let your children know when you notice them doing the right thing.

Volunteer as a family in your community.

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HELPING YOUR CHILDREN DEVELOP GOOD CHARACTER

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