



POWERFUL WORDS

CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

PARENTS PERCH

Young students: “Knowing the way, going the way and showing the way to others!”

Older students/teens/adults: “Inspiring people to come together & take action towards a common goal.”

- Week 1 Leadership defined: What a leader is, does, and the kind we want to be**
- Week 2 Leadership Skills: Listening and communicating effectively**
- Week 3 Leadership Skills: Group goals, taking initiative & recognizing strengths**
- Week 4 Leadership Skills: Making powerful choices and taking responsibility**

Dear Family,

The Powerful Word of the month is “leadership.”

John Maxwell said; “A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way.” Leaders set a great example and inspire others to work towards a common goal. Most of us want our children to become leaders. We want them to take healthy risks, go after goals and inspire others to do the same.

During tough times, such as wars, tragedies, emergencies and yes, pandemics too, we see examples of great leadership as well as poor leadership. Strong leaders help to address the concerns of their constituents or members while remaining calm, level-headed, curious, empathetic and collaborative. Powerful leaders put their character into action and use it to motivate others to stay on course. Leaders serve as models and provide a “playbook” as our children become leaders themselves.

People who are effective leaders recognize and pool the strengths of the group. They encourage people to use their gifts rather than taking over or micromanaging. Leaders know they can’t “wear all the hats” and also know which team players are best for each task! They share the rewards and are grateful for every person’s unique contribution.

Leadership skills must be exercised like a muscle. Such skills help kids by:

- Boosting self-esteem
- Improving public speaking
- Enhancing communication skills
- Identifying their strengths
- Improving on weaknesses
- Developing organizational skills
- Teaching collaboration skills

Baylor University’s Karon LeCompte, Ph.D., a leadership expert, explains that there are three learning skills that translate into skills for developing young leaders – multitasking (thinking simultaneously about goal attainment and the issue they are

solving) coordinating different senses (watching & adjusting to the dynamics of people around them) and developing competency (sharpening the skills they do well & those they want to improve upon). We must encourage our children to think of ways they could improve their community, use their voice for good and lead others. Now, when so many are in need, is a perfect time to start!

We thank you for your support. You are pivotal in helping to make our school one of the best personal development centers in the world.

Here’s to your success!

Best Regards,

—Your Motivated and Dedicated Instructors

UPCOMING POWERFUL WORDS

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AUGUST	COMPASSION
SEPTEMBER	CONFIDENCE