



Students throughout the District are learning about character building through a weekly series of character-building lessons. Each lesson provides a **Home Link** and a **Community Link** to reinforce the daily classroom lesson. The **Home Link** is designed to foster meaningful communication among family members.

The **Community Link** is a proactive tool designed to heighten good character awareness and promote socially responsible behavior in the community. Each week focuses on the character quality presented in our elementary schools and provides ideas for your consideration.

## The Community Link

This week, our students are focusing on **GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP**. They are learning about:

- That sportsmanship applies to all contests and games, whether on a sporting field, in class, at home or in the community.
- The difference between Poor Sportsmanship and Good Sportsmanship.
- Ways to practice Good Sportsmanship

Please take the time to consider what this good character quality means to your own group or organization by sharing the following:

### GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP

means to play fair, and to also show respect for your opponent both on and off the field.

Consider using this Community Link with your employees, membership or organization whenever possible.

### What You Can Do!

- Help the youth in our community understand the importance of practicing Good Sportsmanship.
- If given the opportunity to coach a sport explain how respect is the foundation of good sportsmanship. Emphasize that: Rules must be respected and teammates as well as opponents must be respected.
- Be a good role model. Set a good example of showing good sportsmanship.
- Post This Quote by Knute Rockne: "One man practicing sportsmanship is far better than ten preaching it."
- Food for thought: A person's response to winning and losing is what makes him or her a winner or loser. Think about how you respond to winning and losing. Would you consider yourself to be a good sport?
- Integrate the principle of GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP in your organization as often as possible.