

LEADER LINKS

About the LEADER LINKS...

The Leader Link is a weekly message delivered via email to support character development, good citizenship and social responsibility. The Leader Links address the same character traits that our students focus on throughout the week. Each Leader Link provides a simple definition, an inspiring quotation, a thought provoking question and an action prompt to encourage you, your friends, associates or group to consciously incorporate each quality into daily living.

INTEGRITY

Definition:

INTEGRITY means complete and total honesty, which causes a person to do the right thing even when no one else will ever know. People who act with integrity know in their own hearts that they always "do right." Help develop a common vocabulary by communicating the meaning of INTEGRITY through your daily actions.

Leader's Message:

Being honest with others is only half of what integrity means. Integrity is doing what you believe in and allowing your actions to demonstrate your beliefs. When we talk and act what we think and believe, we have integrity.

Food for thought:

Think about this quote by W. Clement Stone: "Have the courage to say no. Have the courage to face the truth. Do the right thing because it is right. These are the magic keys to living your life with integrity." How does it apply to your life?

Action Prompt:

Act with integrity daily. Admitting to wrong-doings, lying or poor choices is difficult; but, the person with integrity will tell the truth, even if it means getting in trouble for it. A clear conscience and eager heart will feel much better than guilt. Be the person who returns money to the cashier who gave back too much change or to the person who drops his wallet in front of you. Your integrity will be rewarded much more profoundly than the few dollars you could have kept.

* W. Clement Stone (1902 -2002) was an businessman, philanthropist and notable, best selling American author.