



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 the quality of **RESPONSIBILITY**. They are learning about:

- Responsibility means doing what one is supposed to do at school, at home and in the community.
- A responsible person completes tasks, corrects mistakes, and strives to do his or her best.
- There are consequences for irresponsible behavior.

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

RESPONSIBILITY

means being accountable for one's actions and fulfilling one's duties.

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

What You Can Do!

- Encourage the youth of the community to make responsibility a cornerstone of their character. Help them understand that in doing so; they will increase their opportunity for a successful future.
- Post this quote by Henry Ward Beecher: "Hold yourself responsible for a higher standard than anyone expects of you, never excuse yourself."
- Food for thought: Are you willing to accept responsibility for your mistakes? Do you always do what you are supposed to do? Do others consider you to be a responsible person?
- Name five responsibilities that you have on a daily basis in different areas of your life. On a scale from one to ten, rate how committed you are to doing your best at each task.
- Integrate the principle of RESPONSIBILITY in your organization as often as possible.