



## LEADER LINKS

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### ***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.

## RESPONSIBILITY

### **Definition:**

**RESPONSIBILITY** means being accountable for one's actions and fulfilling one's duties. Help develop a common vocabulary by communicating what it means to show responsibility to those you encounter.

### **Leader's Message:**

When the roots of responsibility run deep in a person's life, the natural outgrowth is a feeling of satisfaction and independence. The best demonstration of responsibility is when one takes total responsibility for his or herself while inspiring others to take total responsibility for themselves.

### **Food for thought:**

Think about this quote by Abigail Van Buren:\* *"If you want children to keep their feet on the ground, put some responsibility on their shoulders."* How does this quote apply to your life? Do you agree with it or not?

### **Action Prompt:**

Taking responsibility is the foundation for social, personal and business success. You may not be able to change circumstances, the seasons, or the weather, but you can change yourself. Take charge of you! When you do the result will be personally satisfying and liberating.

*\*Abigail Van-Buren was born Pauline Esther Friedman, in 1918. She is known as a notable advice columnist for the column "Dear Abby". Her daughter, Jeanne Phillips, now owns the legal right to her pen name.*