



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.

CONSERVATION

Definition:

HONOR is respect and admiration shown to something or someone. A person is assigned HONOR when he or she displays excellent conduct and exhibits personal integrity. Help develop a common vocabulary by communicating the meaning of HONOR through your daily actions.

Leader's Message:

We gain an internal sense of honor and peace of mind when we act with respect and tell the truth. It is important that people act with honesty and dignity, even when they are not obliged to do so. Those people who act with honor will be rewarded; however, the reward is not nearly as important as the act that was done to receive it. It is not the trophy or the promotion that will be remembered after a person is gone. It is the kind, respectful and honorable actions that people will recall.

Food for thought:

Think about this quote by Calvin Coolidge*: *"No one person was ever honored for what he received. Honor has been the reward for what he gave."* Consider what this means to you and how it applies to your life. Do you agree with it? Why or why not?

Action Prompt:

Discover the peace of mind that comes from acting honorably! Not a day goes by that we are not challenged with a situation or problem. Perhaps a friend accuses you of lying, a cashier gives you back too much money in a transaction, a co-worker does something you don't agree with or a family member disappoints you. Whatever the situation, by facing these challenges with respect, honesty and dignity, you will represent yourself with honor. You will also be able to walk with your head held high, confident in the knowledge that you acted excellently.

**Calvin Coolidge (1872 - 1933) was the 30th President of the United States.*