



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.

FAIRNESS

Definition:

FAIRNESS means to be just and impartial to all parties. Acting fairly is to be free from favoritism and to look at a situation as objectively as possible. Help develop a common vocabulary by communicating the meaning of FAIRNESS through your daily actions.

Leader's Message:

Pilgrims came to America because they believed their living conditions in England were unfair. We are a nation built upon the idea that everyone is equal, no matter his or her gender, religion or age. From this foundation of equality, we are given a daily right to live and act with fairness.

Food for thought:

Think about this quote by Ralph Waldo Emerson*: *"All are needed by each one; nothing is fair or good alone."* Consider what this means to you. Do you agree with it or not?

Action Prompt:

Keep an open mind. Often we say, "It's not fair!" before we even hear both sides of an argument or situation. Be mindful of what others are thinking and feeling and perhaps what you once saw as unfair will suddenly make sense. Fair is what happens when both sides are content, not merely your side. Imagine you are your life's referee, determined to witness events objectively and without favoritism.

**Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882) was a notable, American poet, lecturer and essayist.*