



## 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.

## TRUSTWORTHINESS

### **Definition:**

**TRUSTWORTHINESS means being honest, reliable and truthful.** Establishing trust in the home or school paves the way for a productive and secure environment. Help develop a common vocabulary by communicating the meaning of TRUSTWORTHINESS through your daily actions.

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

Trustworthiness comes with a sense of responsibility. When you are trustworthy, people can count on you to be honest and to have integrity. You are someone who they can rely on and who they respect.

### **Food for thought:**

Think about this quote by T.S. Eliot\*: *"No soul is desolate as long as there is a human being for whom it can feel trust and reverence."* Consider what this means to you. Do you agree with it or not?

### **Action Prompt:**

**Be the friend you wish to have!** When we determine if we want a person as our friend, we should look for someone who keeps her promises, tells the truth and avoids dishonest actions like cheating or stealing. This is the type of person who would make a good friend. By choosing to be truthful and reliable yourself, you will attract the same type of person. Together you will build a friendship that lasts a lifetime!

Using these markers as distinctions in all our choices – in elections, in roommates, even in characters in books we choose to read – allows trustworthiness to spill in to every area of our lives.

*\*T.S. Eliot (1888 - 1965 ) American born English writer, playwright and critic.*