

EXCELLENCE

DAY 1

Good morning and welcome to *The Principal's Principles*. This week, we are discussing the principle of **EXCELLENCE**. Excellence means that something is very good or exceptional. A very successful basketball player and coach named Pat Riley said, "Excellence is the gradual result of always striving to do better." It does not happen quickly or easily, but takes hard work and perseverance. Think of an area where you would like to improve and keep working toward excellence. Make it a magnificent day!

DAY 2

Good morning and welcome to *The Principal's Principles*. A game called "Good, Better, Best," is a fun way to work toward **EXCELLENCE**. You can change good into better, and better into best by adding a little more effort. I'll use Ice Cream as an example of how the game works. Ice Cream is "Good", Ice Cream with chocolate fudge topping is "Better," Ice Cream with chocolate topping and sprinkles is "Best." Try this game in your schoolwork or when working on a talent. Add more effort to make good into better and better into best. **"Good, better, best; never let it rest, until your good is better and your better is the best."** Make it a terrific day!

DAY 3

Good morning and welcome to *The Principal's Principles*. Artists of all kinds write their names on their finished creations. A painter usually signs his or her name somewhere on the picture. Authors of books usually sign their names on stories they write. This signature identifies the creator. You are creating a work of art when you complete your school assignments. How well you do your work determines whether it is worthy of being called a masterpiece. Strive to autograph your work with **EXCELLENCE**. Make it a wonderful day!

DAY 4

Good morning and welcome to *The Principal's Principles*. Every one is good at something. No one is good at everything. For example, you might be very good at sports, but not so good at singing opera. You may read extremely well, but not know how to tap dance. Every one of you can be **EXCELLENT** in one area . . . EFFORT. Excellent effort happens when you work very hard and try to do your best. It does not guarantee that you'll make the highest grade or win every game, but it can help you develop habits that will enable you to excel in school, with friends, and at home. You can't always be THE BEST, but you can always give YOUR BEST. Make it a tremendous day!

DAY 5

Good morning and welcome to *The Principal's Principles*. A wise man named Aristotle said: **"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit."** A habit is an action that you do over and over and over, until it becomes your normal behavior. Good habits can help you accomplish great things. Bad habits can cause you to fail. When you repeatedly give your best effort at school or at home, you are developing the habit of **EXCELLENCE**. Keep up the excellent work! Make it a fabulous day!