



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.

SHARING

Definition:

SHARING means giving someone a portion of your time, talents or possessions. Sharing is a way we can help each other have the items we need. Help develop a common vocabulary by communicating the meaning of SHARING through your daily actions.

Leader's Message:

Our nation was built by people, who not only shared a vision for a great new land, but also learned to share the land. Imagine if America was divided in to many different countries that didn't want to be associated with one another. You would need a passport to go to the state next to yours! From the beginning of America, we have been a sharing people, willing to share our ideologies, land and even crops with one another.

Food for thought:

Think about this quote by Pierre Cornielle*: *"Happiness seems made to be shared."* Consider what this means to you. Do you agree with it or not?

Action Prompt:

Remember the Golden Rule: Do Unto Others As You Would Have Done Unto You. If you want the world excluding you and screaming, "Mine! Mine!" every time you asked for something, then feel free to not share. When we do not offer our time, talents or possessions for others' use, we are essentially acting like toddlers who are unwilling to part with their toys. Those children are usually sent to Time Out.

Avoid a worldly "time out" by offering your time and talents to those who need them. In turn, others will be willing to share with you. It can be difficult to give up a restful Saturday morning volunteering for a worthy cause, but by giving up your time, you'll feel good about yourself and inspire others to share their time as well.

**Pierre Cornielle (1606 – 1684) French poet and dramatist*