



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.

COURTESY

Definition:

COURTESY is being polite, using good manners and showing consideration to others. Courtesy is what adults mean when they say “Act like a lady or gentleman.” Help develop a common vocabulary by communicating the meaning of COURTESY through your daily actions.

Leader’s Message:

Courtesy is the fine line between being accepted or declined, of being hired or not chosen for the job. Excellent conduct is impressive and helpful at the same time. Extend courteous behavior by opening doors for everyone, using good manners while eating and shaking hands upon meeting new people.

Food for thought:

Think about this quote by Barney, the Purple Dinosaur*: *“Please and thank you, they’re called the magic words.”* Consider what this message means to you. Do you agree with it or not?

Action Prompt:

Go beyond “Please” and “Thank you”! While these magic words are extremely important in life, being courteous extends beyond these basic tenets. Other courteous actions include smiling at people you pass on the street. One quick smile makes you approachable. A smile and a good attitude provide a positive atmosphere. You are less likely to criticize or gossip about people when you are feeling positive. A courteous person also is a good listener. A little listening goes a long way in helping people to feel welcomed.