



Students throughout the District are learning about character building through a weekly series of character-building lessons. Each lesson provides a **Home Link** and a **Community Link** to reinforce the daily classroom lesson. The **Home Link** is designed to foster meaningful communication among family members.

The **Community Link** is a proactive tool designed to heighten good character awareness and promote socially responsible behavior in the community. Each week focuses on the character quality presented in our elementary schools and provides ideas for your consideration.

## The Community Link

This week, our students are focusing on the quality of **TRUSTWORTHINESS**. They are learning about:

- How to identify the principles of trustworthy within one's behavior.
- Ways to show trustworthiness.
- Reasons why someone can be trusted and reasons why someone should not be trusted.

Please take the time to consider what this good character quality means to your own group or organization by sharing the following:

### TRUSTWORTHINESS

means being honest, reliable, and truthful.

Consider using this Community Link with your employees, membership or organization whenever possible.

### What You Can Do!

- Encourage the youth of the community to demonstrate the quality of trustworthiness in all of their actions. Help them understand the value of their reputation. Explain how it can take years to build a good one but it could take only an hour to destroy it.
- Consider taking a vote to determine: Who represents the best example of trustworthiness in your group or organization? Give that person special recognition in some way.
- Food for thought: Do you find that you trust others easily, or must they first earn your trust in some way? Would you say that most of the people in the world are trustworthy? Why or why not?
- Integrate the principle of TRUSTWORTHINESS in your organization as often as possible.