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Weekly News for Parents
Shell Elementary School
Friday, January 10, 2020

Are leaders born or made?

There is some debate whether some children are "born leaders" or they "learn to be" leaders. All children have the potential to develop leadership skills. Leadership development can be a lifelong process. As adults, we can teach the skills necessary for children to take on leadership roles now and in the future. Here are some ways that you can help children develop leadership skills:

Model leadership behavior to children. Children learn from seeing what others do. Tell the child what you are doing and why you are doing it.

Teach children how to see things from another's point of view. Good communication is a key component to being an effective leader. Teach children how to listen

carefully and how to respond to others in a calm and respectful way.

Help children build self-confidence. Give children opportunities to do a good job and offer praise when appropriate. You might say, "I am so proud of you that you volunteered to be the leader of the 'toy clean up' team in your classroom. It is a big job to make sure all your classmates are doing their part."

Find ways to create problem solving situations. Children can learn how to solve their own problems. Allow children to start making small decisions such as which activity they want to participate in and then give them more opportunities to make decisions as they learn the concepts of responsibility and consequences of making a decision.

It's cold and flu season! Please see the back of this letter for school board guidelines that help us minimize the spread of illnesses.

Happy Birthday!

Mrs. Jones 1/14

Mrs. Carpenter 1/16

Mrs. Burton 1/21

Mrs. Smith 1/29

Mrs. Robertson 1/31

Mr. Hartwell 1/31

Mr. Harrington 1/31

Coming Events

Fri., 1/10

End of first semester; 2nd nine weeks

Fri., 1/17

No School; Teacher Workday

Mon., 1/20

No School; MLK, Jr.

Fri., 1/24

Grades ½ Career Day

Tues., 1/28

100th Day of school

5th grade walking trip to HMHS AG Center

Wed., 1/29

Grades K-2 Awards @ 8:15

Fri., 1/31

Grades 3-5 Awards @ 8:15

Tues., 2/4

AR Reading Night

You can find ^{*}MAGIC ^{*}
wherever you ^{*}look.
Sit back and relax, ^{*}
all you need is a ^{*}BOOK.
Dr.^{*}Seuss