

CHARACTER EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT @ FOREST MANOR P.S.



The goals of Character Education Development are in essence the goals of raising children: youth who comprehend, care about, and act positively, make for a productive, just, and democratic society. As they develop their character, young people do their best work, do the right thing, and lead lives of purpose. Successful Character Development involves creating the types of classrooms and school environments that make it possible for all students, to fulfill their potential and to achieve their goals.

In developing character, the Toronto District School Board seeks to deliberately nurture the common character attributes to go beyond racial, religious, socio-economic and cultural lines. The TDSB will play an active role in Character Development by ensuring that it is valued and highlighted in the daily lives of our students. As a whole school approach, the school community will grasp the "teachable moments" to integrate character into the existing curriculum. In a focused and intentional approach, respect, responsibility, empathy, kindness and caring, team-work, fairness, honesty, co-operation, integrity and perseverance will be emphasized and developed.



The Parts of a Friend



HOW CAN PARENTS AND GUARDIANS HELP DEVELOP THEIR CHILD'S CHARACTER?

- Use the language of character
- Model and teach respectful manners
- Listen to your children
- Be clear about your values
- Spend time with your children in shared activities
- As a family, take part in community service projects or civic activities
- Establish family traditions and enjoy family celebrations together
- Capitalize on the "teachable moments"
- Assign household or family responsibilities
- Teach your children to be responsible and discerning with their choices in media and entertainment and online interactions
- Teach your children how to resolve conflict in a peaceful, respectful way
- Encourage empathy by asking questions such as, **"How would you feel if...?"**
- Become involved in your child's school life





Respect

1. Treat others the way you want to be treated.
2. Accept others for who they are.
3. Be tolerant, accepting of differences.
4. Like yourself enough to be yourself.

Responsibility

1. Be accountable for your words and actions.
2. Be in control of your own behavior.
3. Think before you act, consider the consequences.
4. Do what you are suppose to do.

Honesty

1. Do what's right regardless of whose around.
2. Do what you say you will do.
3. Don't deceive, cheat, or steal.
4. Be someone others can trust.

Caring

1. Be considerate and kind in all your actions.
2. Lend a helping hand to those around you.
3. Say nice things, share compliments with others.
4. Be the person others can count on.

Fairness

1. Be open-minded; listen to others.
2. Don't take advantage of others.
3. Treat people fairly, don't discriminate.
4. Don't blame others carelessly.

Citizenship

1. Get involved in your community affairs.
2. Obey all laws and rules; respect authority.
3. Vote; exercise your privilege.
4. Do your part to make your school and community better.

