



The Viking Elementary School

"A community of learners dedicated to improving our world."



The Viking Elementary School Leadership Practices

- Habits are posted with kid friendly definitions (Visual reminder and reference for students)
- Classroom Mission Statement created collaboratively with the students and posted inside and outside the classroom (Share *end in mind* for school, visual reminder, and community sharing)
- Social Contract or Code of Conduct are created and posted ~ behavioral expectations positively stated (Empower students with the knowledge of what positive actions they take to be a successful member of the learning community, rather the rules that control with 'do not')
- Teachers greet students in the morning with a hand shake as they enter the room (Start the day with the positive message that they are a valued member of the community, while practicing the social skill of greeting)
- Leadership Roles are established in classrooms (Practice leadership and contributing to the classroom community, developing a heart of service)
- Student Lighthouse Team (School Leadership Role Board with system for student voice, using applications)
- Classroom Greeter (Student role to greet visitors to the classroom, using applications)
- Viking Ambassadors (Student greeters/'tour guides' for visitors & guests to VES, using applications)
- Use Leadership language in lessons weekly and as often as possible in normal interaction ~ including leadership and 7 Habits paradigms and principles (Model and apply principles consistently for children to deeply learn and for themselves)
- Teaching leadership principles & 7 Habits annually: Directly teach & integrate into curriculum and behavior (Learn the principles/social skills with greater depth each year)
- Leadership Notebooks- Students set, monitor and celebrate academic and personal goals (Use a tool to empower children to own their learning academically and socially)
- Classroom goals and scoreboards (Classroom display to motivate and monitor achievements in academics and/or behavior)
- Hold Student-led Conferences (Empower students to share goals and successes with parents while practicing the leadership principles of reflection and speaking)

Key to success: *MODEL paradigms and principles in language and behavior*

The Viking Elementary School Lighthouse Team would like you to focus on a habit every 2 weeks. Please really try to hit the habit hard during the scheduled week and concentrate on using the language during that time. This is a great way for the entire school to be on the “same page”.

September 11 - September 21: **Be Proactive**

September 25 - October 5: **Begin with the End in Mind**

October 9 - October 19: **Put First Things First**

October 23 - November 2: **Think Win-Win**

November 6 - November 16: **Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood**

November 20 - November 30: **Synergize**

December 4 - December 14: **Sharpen the Saw**