

September 4, 2009

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to another great school year at Rock View Elementary! This year we are going to continue with our Character Education program. Each month from August to February we will focus on one character trait. After February, students will work on all six of the traits. During the months of August and September, we will focus on Respect.

We will be learning about showing **respect** for other people, for respecting differences, and for respecting privacy. We will also learn what it means to show respect for our personal possessions, for property, and for the environment. We will learn about showing respect at home, at school, and in social situations.

Whenever possible, take time to talk to your child about respect. Begin by talking about self-respect and what it means.

Some other ways you can reinforce the value of respect with your child are:

- While watching television together as a family, look for examples of respect (or lack of respect) in the shows you view.
- Ask your child who he/she respects and the qualities of that person.
- Talk to your child about how you were raised and compare and contrast how time and ways of showing respect have changed.
- Give your child hypothetical situations concerning respect to see how he/she would handle each situation.
- Read books that deal with the value of respect.

Thank you for working with Rock View to help teach your child about the value of respect. Please feel free to call Mrs. Fogle (Ms. Snyder) if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Sheri Snyder Fogle
School Counselor