September 14, 2012

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to Flora M. Singer Elementary School! This year we are going to focus on Character Education. Each month we will focus on one character trait. During the month, students will discuss that trait throughout the school day. During the months of September and October we will focus on Respect.

We will be learning about showing **respect** for other people, 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 Flora M. Singer to help teach your child about the value of respect. Please feel free to call Ms. Snyder if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Sheri Snyder

School Counselor