

QUAIL SUMMIT ELEMENTARY CHARACTER EDUCATION PROGRAM

Intelligence plus character, that is the goal of true education.

-Martin Luther King, Jr.

Mission Statement

Quail Summit believes in educating not only the minds but the hearts and spirits of students. We believe in being proactive in educating the whole child. Our mission is to model and to teach Quail Summit students' basic values which will help them to become caring and contributing members of society. We wish to empower students with the knowledge that they can positively impact others and that they can face any changes or adversity that may occur in their lives. Students at Quail Summit will internalize that they are "Character Champions" and that they have the tools, skills, and values to handle their future with integrity!

Objectives

To promote positive character traits in all students.

To internalize empathy, conscience, and self discipline.

To help children make decisions based on moral judgment while being aware of positive and negative consequences and accepting responsibility for their own actions.

To encourage internalization of ethical behavior.

To encourage character growth at home and in the community.

To be proactive in community service and in making the school, community, and world a better place.

The Basics of Our Plan

Quail Summit Elementary School is focused each month on a different character trait (responsibility, courage, citizenship, respect, tolerance, compassion, honesty, cooperation, perseverance and fairness.)

Each month character heroes are focused on who exemplify the character trait of the month.

Teachers provide lessons in the classroom to reinforce the character trait and hero of the month.

Children's literature is used to emphasize core ethical values.

The "Student of the Month" awards are presented to those who exemplify and work toward the character trait of the month.

Character coupons are given out to reinforce ethical behavior in students.

A character crew comprised of students, teachers and parents promotes service to others as well as instilling core attributes.

Student Council works in conjunction with our character education program thematically tying in service to the attribute of the month and involving the entire school in the process.

Character traits are displayed on bulletin boards in a main hallway to reinforce concepts.

The entire staff is involved in integrating values into the culture of the classroom and the school.

Addressing the Standards

Quail Summit Elementary School's Character Education Program is based on the "Eleven Principles of Effective Character Education" developed by the Character Education Partnership (CEP)