

Dear Parents (Guardians),

One of the most important things we can teach our youth today is good character traits. As we prepare children for the 21st Century workforce, research shows that the focus is, and will continue to be, hiring people with high skills in mathematics, science, technology and good work ethic (character). Our society has somewhat lost the focus on good character. Instead, the emphasis is often put on things like appearance, money and fame. At T.C. Knapp, we would like to get back to the basics. We want to teach children how to be productive members of our society by focusing on the Six Pillars of Character:

Character Counts!

caring, respect, fairness, responsibility, trustworthiness and citizenship. In addition to our high expectations in academics, we would like to place an emphasis on being "People of Character."

I hold good character and raising children of integrity in high regards, therefore, I have personally decided to take on this task of teaching your children each grading period. I will go into the classrooms (K-5) and teach, model and discuss the Six Pillars of Character. Optional follow-up activities are provided on our website to help reinforce good character and bring families together toward a common goal. Teachers will support this effort by infusing the Six Pillars language through lesson plans, support materials, and curricular-integration models to help teach universal values and ethical decision-making.

Thank you for being a vital asset in helping us positively effect our future generations. They deserve the very best!

Your Partner in Education,
Mrs. Gallagher ~ Principal