

Counselor's Corner

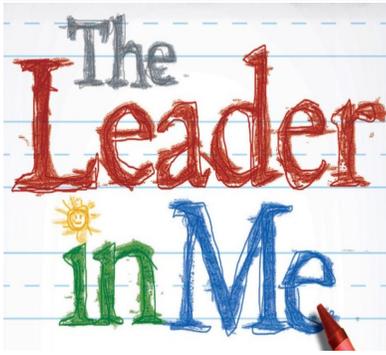


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Leadership: Developing Tomorrows Leaders Today!



As educators and parents, we desire deeply to inspire students to become future leaders, since *leadership* is the code for thriving and changing our world. While leadership skills can come naturally, children can learn lessons along the way that significantly impact them later in life.

Leadership is a valuable skill no matter how old you are, whether you're in school or the workplace. But not everyone has innate leadership qualities. That's why it's im-

portant to teach kids early how to develop the skills to be a good leader.

Being intentional about developing leadership skills in children will help them build confidence and succeed in activities like group projects, team sports, clubs, etc.

Here are some ideas to develop leadership in children:

- Create a safe place for children to make mistakes. Teach children that mistakes will always happen. Great leaders always see mistakes as a learning opportunity.
- Help children learn to value different viewpoints in a situation, great leaders can see the view point of others especially in a group setting.
- Teach children to set goals and always try to do their best at everything.
- Model and help children maintain a positive attitude even when others make things difficult or tell them they can't achieve something.
- Provide opportunities for students to practice working with others. This can be in the form of extracurricular activities or simply playing with friends at the playground. Working with others is an important leadership skill.
- Let children make decisions. Start out small, such as letting them choose food in a grocery store. As they get older, they can start making more difficult decisions, like how to spend their money.

School Success Tips:

Take some time to reflect on this school year to celebrate the things that went well. Create a plan of action for what you can improve for next school year.

Use this next month to work as much as you can to finish the segment and enjoy a break!



Helpful Links

[I Can Be A Leader! Are Children Born Leaders?](#)

[Teaching Kids To Be Leaders](#)

[Leadership Activities for Kids](#)

You Can Be An Every Day Leader

Suggested Literature

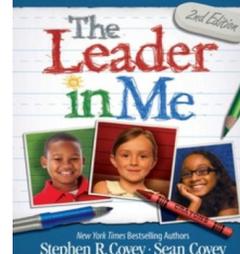
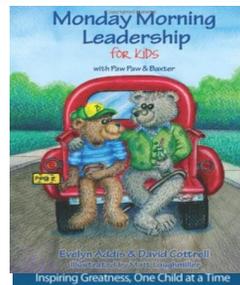


Being an "Everyday Leader" means that we seize the opportunity to help those around us. Leadership doesn't mean that we have to take BIG action. Often times, we get discouraged thinking that we don't know how to lead, or that we are not capable, but you can start small by exercising your leadership muscles in everyday life.

Here are ways to start being an everyday leader.

- Being kind to your friends is a way to flex your leadership muscle.
- Cleaning up your room without being asked is a sign of an everyday leader.
- An everyday leader does their Skill Builders each week with a positive attitude.

What would you say is a leader? See what these children said: <http://safeyoutube.net/w/L70d>



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