



Commitment to Character

June-Courage: Being brave in difficult situations, challenging yourself.

July-Patriotism Demonstrating allegiance to one's country.

Three Words a Day

- June 1 Friends are important.
- June 2 Mistakes sometimes happen.
- June 3 Win without bragging.
- June 4 Playing is important.
- June 5 Welcome a newcomer.
- June 6 Ask, don't demand.
- June 7 Mad? Walk away!
- June 8 Like your work.
- June 9 Drugs destroy brains.
- June 10 Picture your success.
- June 11 Laugh, don't whine.
- June 12 Sleep is important
- June 13 Stimulate your imagination.
- June 14 First, get started.
- June 15 "Thank you" pleases.
- June 16 You have choices.
- June 17 Fighting takes two.
- June 18 Fix something today.
- June 19 Cheer for others.
- June 20 Everybody is somebody.
- June 21 Listening takes concentration.
- June 22 Smiles are understood.
- June 23 Always look up.
- June 24 Mistakes become lessons.
- June 25 Accept others' help.
- June 26 Recycle good news.
- June 27 Say "I'll try."
- June 28 Enjoy your success.
- June 29 Be happy today.
- June 30 Sometimes just listen.

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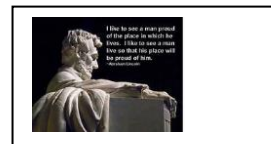
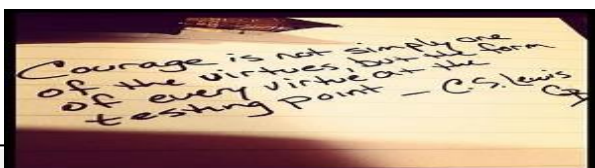
- July 1 Smile, smile, smile.
- July 2 Parents welcome help.
- July 3 Do a favor.
- July 4 Respect the flag.
- July 5 Anticipation is fun.
- July 6 Call a friend.
- July 7 Donate your help.
- July 8 Keep on trying.
- July 9 Listen, then talk.
- July 10 Think before speaking.
- July 11 Treat guests thoughtfully.
- July 12 Compliment someone today.
- July 13 Care about people.
- July 14 Hold someone's hand.
- July 15 List your wishes.
- July 16 Accept the truth.
- July 17 Don't spread rumors.
- July 18 Go ahead – giggle.
- July 19 Work is important.
- July 20 Treat animals kindly.
- July 21 You make decisions.
- July 22 Why not today?
- July 23 Followers don't lead.
- July 24 Words can hurt.
- July 25 Control your anger.
- July 26 Offer extra help.
- July 27 Don't invite trouble.
- July 28 Don't answer "Because."
- July 29 Success is work.
- July 30 Seek sincere friends.
- July 31 Negative is nothing.

Books to read aloud on Courage:

- The Purple Coat* by Amy Hest
- The Dot* by Peter H. Reynolds
- Ish* by Peter H. Reynolds

Books to read aloud on Patriotism:

- America's White Table* by Margot Raven
- America: A Patriotic Primer* by Lynne Cheney
- The Flag We Love* by Pam Monoz Ryan



Memorial Day May 28

Flag Day June 14

Fourth of July
Character Conference July 20

Dinner Dilemmas for June Only

Purpose: To create family discussions that promotes Character Education in Pinellas County.

Dinner Dilemmas are designed to go home once a month with the students. Schools that send home a weekly newsletter could print one dilemma each week in its publication. During the week families are asked to discuss the dilemma. It is hoped that families will talk about the dilemma and decide how the character quality of the month relates to the situation presented. It is further hoped that families will discuss the dilemma of the week and decide how the character quality of the month applies to each family member.

Week 1

Situation: It's field day at school. Sam's class is involved in a tug of war contest. Sam is first in line on the rope. His hands feel hot and hurt.

Dilemma: On one hand, Sam could hold on to rope to help his team even though his hands hurt.

On the other hand Sam could let go.

Discussion: Do you have any advice for Sam?

Week 2

Situation: Sue is walking in the hallway by herself. She sees a school bully picking on another student.

Dilemma: On one hand Sue could have the courage to speak out and tell the bully to "STOP," then report the incident to an adult.

On the other hand Sue could walk away and not report to anyone what she saw.

Discussion: Do you have any advice for Sue?

Week 3

Situation: Sam notices his grumpy neighbor changing the oil in his car and the used oil is running into the street gutter. Sam learned in school that oil is not good for the environment.

Dilemma: On one hand Sam could try to explain to the grumpy neighbor what he learned in school. On the other hand, Sam could keep quiet; what his neighbor does is not his concern.

Discussion: What advice would you give Sam?

Week 4

Situation: Sue has never been away from home, but she won a scholarship to Space Camp for 2 weeks over the summer. She is feeling scared because she won't know anybody, but she loves science.

Dilemma: On one hand she is scared of being so far away from home. On the other hand she wants to have the courage to go to this camp.

Discussion: What advice do you have for Sue?

Richard Bach:

"Learning is finding out what we already know. Doing is demonstrating that you know it. Teaching is reminding others that they know just as well as you. You are all learners, doers, and teachers."

Recommended Summer Reading for Educators:

No More Excuses: Black Men Stand Up! By Robert Jackson

That One Kid by Brian Mendler

The Principal 50 by Baruti Kafele

The Teacher 50 by Baruti Kafele

The Leader in Me by Stephen Covey

Inspiring Teacher QUOTES:

Henry Brooks Adams: "A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops."

A. Bartlett Giamatti: "A liberal education is at the heart of a civil society, and at the heart of a liberal education is the act of teaching."

Nikos Kazantzakis: "Ideal teachers are those who use themselves as bridges over which they invite their students to cross, then having facilitated their crossing, joyfully collapse, encouraging them to create bridges of their own."

Gail Godwin "Good teaching is one-fourth preparation and three-fourths pure theatre."

Edith Ann, [Lily Tomlin]: "I like a teacher who gives you something to take home to think about besides homework."

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August: Respect treating yourself and others with courtesy and consideration