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**Commitment to Character Education at Nina Harris ESE Center**

Dear Parent/Guardians,

Your child is involved in learning-activities designed to develop good character and empower young people to make good choices for themselves. He or she has been working on “**Honesty”** the entire month of March. Your reinforcement with these activities at home will support our overall program.

This month we learned about **Honesty**.

At Nina Harris, we define Honesty as:

**“Using truthful speech and behavior.”**

**Here are some things you can do to support learning about honesty.**

* **Set a good example for the children in your life.** You are your child’s first teacher and your children watch everything you do. If you are always honest then your children will develop those same behaviors.
* **Never scream or yell at your child if they tell a lie.** Instead take them aside and talk with them about how important it is to always tell the truth and explain that you may not like what they did but you do love them.
* **Read books together about honesty.** Make sure you stop at key points in the story and explain to them that this is an example of being honest or this is an example of not being honest. If your student is able ask them to give you examples of being honest.
* **Play a game with your child** where you make two true statements and one false statement and he or she has to choose which of the statements is the lie.
* **Use art to learn about honesty.** Have your student draw a picture of how it makes them feel when someone is honest and trustworthy. Give them an example, like when they lost a dollar and a friend gave it back to them.

**Remember at Nina Harris: Every student matters and every moment counts.**

**Here is a list of book suggestions to read about honesty:**

**Edwurd Fudwupper Fibbed Big: by Berkeley Breathed**

**The Berenstain Bears and the Truth: by Jan and Stan Berenstain**

**The Berenstain Bears and the Excuse note: by Jan and Stan Berenstain**

**Ruthie and the not so teeny tiny lie: by Laura Rankin**

**Pinky Promise:by Vanita Braver**

**Don’t tell a whopper on Friday: by Adolph Moser**

**I’m telling the truth: by Pat Thomas**

**A big Fat Enormous Lie: by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat**

**The Boy who Cried Wolf: by B. G. Hennessey**

**Sam Tells Stories: Thierry Robberecht**