



Responsibility parent newsletter

Longer Version:

Our school continues our relationship with Soul Shoppe, who is facilitating a workshop on Responsibility this month. Sir Winston Churchill said “the price of greatness is responsibility.” Believing all of our children to be great, Soul Shoppe is teaching everyone communication “tools” to put in their “toolboxes”. These tools will help our students take responsibility.

The first tool is the “I Message”. By communicating an “I Message”, students take responsibility for their own feelings and their needs. The “I Message” is set up in this frame:

I feel . . .
When I . . .
I need . . .
Will you please . . . ?

The second tool is the “Clean Up”. In addition to simply saying “I’m sorry”, students take responsibility for what they did and take action to make it right. The frame:

I know that I . . .
I apologize.
What can I do to make it right?
Next time I will . . .
Will you forgive me?

The third tool is the “Stop and Breathe”. This tool helps students pause and make responsible choices in any given moment.

Stop...Breathe...Think...Choose...Act...Cheer

You can help your child be responsible by practicing these tools with them. Please ask to see the Family Card that your child will bring home from school. And as a family, please practice using the communication tools as situations come up at your home. Early on in the school year, your child is committing to be responsible. We look forward to seeing all of our students use the tools in their toolboxes!

Shorter Version:

Our school continues our relationship with Soul Shoppe, who is facilitating a workshop on Responsibility this month. Soul Shoppe is teaching everyone communication “tools” to put in their “toolboxes”. The tools are- the “I message”, the “Clean Up”, and the “Stop and Breathe”.

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