

Six pillar of Good Character

Trustworthiness

Be honest • Don't deceive, cheat or steal • Be reliable — do what you say you'll do • Have the courage to do the right thing • Build a good reputation • Be loyal — stand by your family, friends and country.

Respect

Treat others with respect; follow the Golden Rule • Be tolerant of differences • Use good manners, not bad language • Be considerate of the feelings of others • Don't threaten, hit or hurt anyone • Deal peacefully with anger, insults and disagreements.

Responsibility

Do what you are supposed to do • Persevere: keep on trying! • Always do your best • Use self-control • Be self-disciplined • Think before you act — consider the consequences • Be accountable for your choices.

Fairness

Play by the rules • Take turns and share • Be open-minded; listen to others • Don't take advantage of others • Don't blame others carelessly.

Caring

Be kind • Be compassionate and show you care • Express gratitude • Forgive others • Help people in need.

Citizenship

Do your share to make your school and community better • Cooperate • Get involved in community affairs • Stay informed; vote • Be a good neighbor • Obey laws and rules • Respect authority • Protect the environment.

The table below shows you how children build good character:

At home by	At play by
<ul style="list-style-type: none">o respecting parents and other adults	<ul style="list-style-type: none">o treat each other with a shared respect
<ul style="list-style-type: none">o following home rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none">o practice center rules
<ul style="list-style-type: none">o doing household chores	<ul style="list-style-type: none">o keep emotions in control
<ul style="list-style-type: none">o choosing books and TV that promote good character	<ul style="list-style-type: none">o participate in character building activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none">o cooperating with family members	

Finally, another effective way to build good character is studying the 6 pillars of good character. A nice way to remember the 6 pillars is learning the acronym TRRFCC of the 6 pillar. Teach your children to remember that people with good character are "TRRFCC" (pronounced *terrific*). To learn more about the 6 pillar of good character, visit <http://www.charactercounts.org/defsix.htm>.

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