



EASTVALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Dear 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade Students and Parents,

Eastvalley is so proud to be a Leader in Me school! The Leader in Me process involves students and staff infusing the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People by Dr. Stephen Covey into our lives and lessons. The Habits are based on 20 years of leadership, character, and life skills training. The common “language” is part of our Eastvalley culture and will continue to produce positive results year after year. Some of the ways we have seen students display the 7 Habits are shared below:

- Habit 1 Be Proactive: takes pride in achieving good grades and demonstrating exemplary behavior; makes good choices; takes initiative to do things without being asked; takes responsibility for his/her actions; chooses an appropriate response instead of reacting negatively
- Habit 2 Begin With The End in Mind: sets goals and works hard to reach them; organizes things and information; demonstrates the 7 Habits at school; encourages others to live the 7 Habits
- Habit 3 Put First Things First: completes and submits homework regularly; stays on task in class; works first, then plays; prioritizes tasks
- Habit 4 Think Win-Win: resolves problems with peers; cooperates with the teachers; waits his/her turn; creates new solutions for issues; reduces discipline referrals
- Habit 5 Seek First to Understand, Then Be Understood: listens to teacher/peers; shows kindness to others; waits to speak; doesn't interrupt others
- Habit 6 Synergize: works well in groups; team player; values and celebrates differences; practices creative cooperation to look for a third alternative that is better than the original solution
- Habit 7 Sharpen the Saw: renews oneself physically, socially/emotionally, mentally and spiritually; is strong in the hard moments; improves oneself; seeks ways to be a leader

Eastvalley has a Staff Lighthouse Team consisting of staff members from different areas of our school. The Student Lighthouse Team represents Eastvalley in the school and community. The Student Lighthouse Team is an integral part of our upcoming Leadership Day when Eastvalley opens our doors to local and national visitors who are interested in learning more about our

Leader in Me school. The Student Lighthouse Team consists of several students in third, fourth, and fifth grade. If your child is interested in being considered for the Student Lighthouse Team, the student should consistently demonstrate the following leadership characteristics:

- 1) Dependability, reliability, and respect
- 2) Completes classwork and homework assignments
- 3) Strong work ethic
- 4) Exemplary conduct and citizenship in and out of school
- 5) Excellent attendance (on time with limited absences and early check-outs)
- 6) Good judgment and decision making skills
- 7) Comfortable with public speaking
- 8) Ability to teach and demonstrate the 7 Habits to other students

If your 3rd, 4th, or 5th grader is interested in being considered for the Student Lighthouse Team, the student must accomplish the following:

- 1) Complete a leadership application without adult assistance prior to Friday, October 30, 2015.
- 2) Submit the leadership application to Mrs. Lauria in the main office no later than 8:00am on Friday, October 30, 2015. Late applications will not be accepted.
- 3) Attend an interview with the Staff Lighthouse Team in November/December 2015 to discuss the qualities that make the student an excellent candidate for the Student Lighthouse Team (if needed depending on the number of applications).
- 4) Attend Student Lighthouse Team Meetings (2-4 per month depending on upcoming events such as Leadership Day; dates to be determined; 2:30-3:30pm on Thursdays).
- 5) Commit to serving on the Student Lighthouse Team January 2016 - January 2017 (5th grade will serve January - May 2016).
- 6) Attend Eastvalley events on-campus and off-campus as needed.

The Staff Lighthouse Team will select the students for the Student Lighthouse Team in November/December 2015 and the students and parents will be notified.

Please contact Eastvalley Elementary if you have any questions at 770-578-7214.

Sincerely,

Eastvalley's Staff Lighthouse Team