

The Leader in Me™

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Deerfield Elementary School is using The Leader in Me program as an introduction to personal leadership. All students have the capacity to lead in their own lives and affect those around them by making positive choices. The Leader in Me provides students with activities that will help them learn practical character and life skills that will lead to those positive choices. Written to appeal to their age level, students are presented with fun activities designed to get them thinking. Your child is embarking on an exciting journey and our hope is that you will ask your child how he/she is doing along the way.

On the reverse side of this document, you will find an explanation of each of the 7 habits to help you support your child. Additionally, we would love to see how students are transferring their leadership habits from school to home. Attached, you will find [At Home Leadership Awards](#) that we would love for you to complete and send back in with your student so they can share with their class. At Home Leadership Awards will also be proudly displayed within the school.

At your convenience, please view the [Family Development](#) section of the Leader In Me website. Here you will find ideas to use at home to reinforce your child's learning and involve the family in a fun, interactive way.

We are excited to have you as an integral part of our Leadership Community!

Deerfield Staff

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YOU CAN

BE THE DIFFERENCE

Teach leadership at home.

7 HABITS

Habit 1: Be Proactive (You're in Charge)

I am a responsible person. I take initiative. I choose my actions, attitudes and moods. I do the right thing, without being asked, even when no one is looking.



Habit 2: Begin with the End in Mind (Have a Plan)

I plan ahead and set goals. I am an important part of my classroom and contribute to my school's mission and vision, and look for ways to be a good citizen.



Habit 3: Put First Things First (Work First, Then Play)

I spend my time on the things that are most important. This means I say no to things I know I should not do. I set priorities, make a schedule, and follow my plan. I am disciplined and organized.



Habit 4: Think Win-Win (Everyone Can Win)

I balance courage for getting what I want with consideration for what others want. I make deposits in others' Emotional Bank Account.



Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood (Listen Before You Talk)

I listen to other people's ideas and feelings. I try to see things from their viewpoints. I listen to others without interrupting. I am confident in voicing my ideas. I look people in the eyes when talking.



Habit 6: Synergize (Together is Better) I value other people's strengths and learn from them. I get along well with others, even people who are different from me.



Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw (Balance Feels Best)

I take care of my body by eating right, exercising, and getting sleep. I spend time with family and friends. I learn in lots of ways and lots of places, not just at school. I take time to find meaningful ways to help others.

