

Dear Parents,

The Character Counts theme for the month of March is CITIZENSHIP. We will discuss what it means and how we can be good citizens here at school and in our community. Students will participate in lessons and watch videos modeling good examples of citizenship.

Learning happens best when it is done both at school and at home. Below are many ways that you can help your child continue to learn about the theme of citizenship through reading about it, talking about it, and practicing it! We plan to have fun exploring this topic at school, and I hope your family will enjoy it just as much!

Read About It!

Here are some books to help you learn more about citizenship:

- What If Everybody Did That? by Ellen Javernick
- The Mitten Tree by Candace Christansen
- Woodrow For President by Peter Barnes

Practice It!

Together with your child, talk about what would make your neighborhood, family or community a better place. Choose something and do it together. You could make brownies for your neighbor, rake leaves, clean up a park, or any other ideas that you or your child have!

Talk About It!

Here are some discussion points to help you talk about citizenship with your child:

- What do you think citizenship means and why is it important?
- Tell me about someone who is a good citizen. What makes him or her a good citizen?
- Do you think you are a good citizen? Why or why not?
- What is something you could do to be a better citizen of your neighborhood? Of your school? Of your classroom?