

Counselor's Corner



Florida Virtual School Flex Elementary Strengthening The Home School Connection

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Learning to Be Responsible-Character Trait



Learning responsibility is an important part of growing up. Here at FLVS Flex Elementary we want to ensure that we are meeting students' academic, social, and emotional needs. Each month we will focus on a different character trait that will help students fortify their character and strengthen their academics.

It's never too early to teach responsibility. The bottom line is that kids will be responsible to the degree that we support them to be. Parents and teachers serve as the team that help students to understand that they are in control of their actions. Here are some tips for helping your child learn

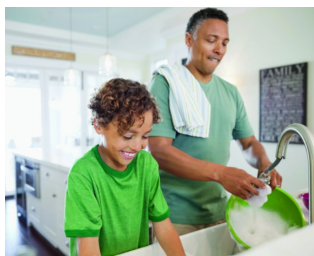
the like skill of responsibility:

Keep A Schedule - A part of being responsible is meeting deadlines. Helping your child to create a calendar noting all upcoming dates and tasks is vital to their school success this year. For example, time spent in skillbuilders should be a reoccurring task on your child's calendar. Set aside time slots for students to complete their Weekly Planner tasks. This will help students to feel confident in themselves knowing that they can meet deadlines.

Help them make the connection - Talk about cause and effect. Use real-life examples to show the link between actions and consequences. "Because you worked hard on your project, you earned a good grade." Let your child get in on it too. Ask them what would happen if you decided not to stop and put gas in the car? When you see a potential for misbehavior, try to talk to your child about

what choices he/she can make, and what would happen with each of those choices.

Model responsibility and accountability- Be explicit about the responsible choices you're making as the parent. Allow your child to see you working with their teacher and those around you. Keep your promises to your child. If you don't follow through when you promise to pick up that notebook he needs for school, or play that game with him on Saturday, your child will be less responsible about keeping their promises and agreements with you.



Meet the Counselor

Welcome to our first newsletter of the year. My name is Mrs. Rohr and I work with grades Kindergarten to 2nd., our other counselor is Mrs. Pinkman and she works with grades 3 through 5. We are your School Counselors for FLVS FLEX. As your School Counselors, we will work with students and families in many different ways:

- Teach monthly character lessons based on our character trait of the month.

- Consult with school staff and parents to meet the academic and social needs of all students.
- Provide families with resources and support to ensure that all students have a successful and meaningful school year.
- Please visit our [guidance page](#) for additional resources and opportunities to meet your school counselor.



Suggested Literature

Back to school Tips:

- **Create a schedule** for working in Prodigy Math, SquigglePark, Dreamscape and Weekly Progress Submissions.
- **Log into ClassTime.** Get familiar with your flipbook and stay on track! Assignments are due weekly!
- **Have a designated area** for completing school work and be sure to keep all your work in one place (binder/folder).



Helpful Links

[Using Visual Schedules: A Guide For Parents](#)

[The Chore Challenge: Teaching Kids Responsibility](#)

[11 Back to School Parent Tips](#)



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