

THE LEADER IN ME

HABIT 6 – SYNERGIZE

- I value other people's strengths and learn from them.
- I get along well with others, even people who are different than me.
- I work well with groups and I am humble.
- I seek out other people's ideas because I know that by working together we can get more done and create better solutions than anyone of us can alone.



HI PARENTS!

Habit 6, Synergize, was the leadership habit we introduced this week. Synergy is a fun name for teamwork, but it's more than just working together. It's about valuing each member of the team, celebrating differences and recognizing we are stronger together. Our Cubs learned about the traits of a good teammate and discussed how other habits are connected to synergy.

TIPS FOR HOME:

- Discuss the quote of the week and how it relates to synergizing.
- Read a book from the included book list with your child and discuss how the characters did or did not put habit 6 into action.
- Brainstorm all the different ways kids synergize as part of a family and/or create a family cheer.
- Discuss how Habit 4, Think Win-Win & Habit 5, Seek First to Understand, are essential when developing synergy.
- Watch the Power of Teamwork video clip and discuss how the characters showed synergy.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LCQg0gMhvOU>
- Discuss the effects of synergy & teamwork. Sports analogies are a great way to get started and then connect it back to learning at school.
- Brainstorm all the reasons it's good to be different (*It's Okay to Be Different*, *We're All Wonders* & *SuperKids* are great books for this).
- Give an example of a time when you were a part of a team and how it contributed to your success.
- Discuss how you show synergy in your job.
- Discuss the steps in the Getting to Synergy Action Plan below and come up with a real or mock problem to practice it with.
 1. Define the problem or opportunity
 2. Their way (seek first to understand the ideas of others)
 3. My way (seek to be understood by sharing your ideas)
 4. Brainstorm (create new options and ideas)
 5. High Way (find the best solution)

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much."

- Helen Keller

HABIT 6 PICTURE BOOKS

The Little Red Pen (Stevens)
It's Okay to Be Different (Parr)
The Colors of the Rainbow (Moore-Mallinos)
We're All Wonders (Palacio)
SuperKids (Damiron)
The Gigantic Turnip (Tolstoy & Sharkey)
Frederick (Lionni)
The Crayon Box That Talked (Derolf)
Swimmy (Lionni)
The Seven Chinese Brothers (Mahy)
The Eagle and the Wren (Goodall)
Ox-Cart Man (Hall)
A Chair for My Mother (Williams)
Clifford's Spring Clean-Up (Bridwell)
The Ant and the Elephant (Peet)
The Patchwork Quilt (Flournoy)
How the 2nd Grade Got \$8205.50 to Visit the Statue of Liberty (Zimelman)
Chicken Sunday (Polacco)
The Biggest Snowman Ever (Kroll)
Stone Soup (Muth)
Friends Afloat (Rosenbaum - wrote as a 4th grader)

Together Everyone Achieves More