

CHARACTER COUNTS![®]

Drake Women's Basketball Game

A Letter to Families

Dear Families,

The Drake Women's Basketball game against North Dakota State University at the Knapp Center on December 8 was a wonderful experience for our class. The game gave us a chance to see character in action. We saw examples of teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship.

Here are some questions you can ask your child to learn more about their experience:

- Before the game, what did you think would happen?
- What did you like best about the game? Why?
- Tell me about a time when a player showed respect?
- Do you think the players were fair? Why?
- How could you tell the crowd was caring?
- What is the Six Pillar Shuffle?

Teach Character with T.E.A.M.

Families play a critical role in children's character development. Try using T.E.A.M. to help them build character.

Teach Children That Their Character Counts

We must teach our children about the Six Pillars of Character[®] (trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship), what each Pillar means, and what it looks like and does not look like in action.

Encourage the Six Pillars of Character

Reward good behavior (usually praise is enough) and discourage bad behavior by imposing fair and consistent consequences.

Advocate Character

Continually encourage children to live up to the Six Pillars of Character by explaining and showing why demonstrating the Pillars matters.

Model Good Behavior

Everything you say and do (or neglect to do) sends a message about your values. Be sure that these messages reinforce your lessons about doing the right thing, even when it is difficult. When you slip, be accountable; apologize sincerely and do better!

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