



## Drake Women's Basketball Game

### A Letter to Families

Dear Families,

The Drake Women's Basketball game against USC Upstate at the Knapp Center on December 16 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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