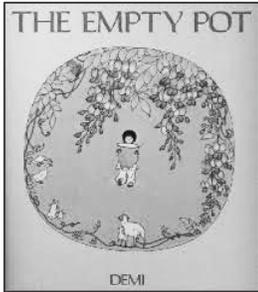


CORNERSTONE CORNER

THIS MONTH'S BOOK:

THE EMPTY POT BY DEMI



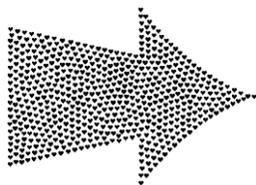
In your child's classroom, we read *The Empty Pot*, by Demi. This Chinese traditional tale is about a boy named Ping who lived a long time ago in China. What happens in the story teaches children the value of *courage, honesty, integrity, responsibility, and perseverance (CHIRP)*. These tools will empower students to value being true to themselves even when it is not easy.

WHAT IS CHIRP?

This book illustrates the importance of attitude and behavior in building character. Students will understand that the end result isn't as important as trying your best and to trust in yourself and listen to your own judgment to make a good decision.

Honesty makes trust bloom. In the discussions and lesson, these developmental assets and character traits were defined as:

1. **courage**-Acknowledge your accomplishments, even if they fall short of the goal.
2. **Honesty**-Telling the truth even when it's not easy.
3. **Integrity**-Having a personal moral code and sticking to it no matter what. Doing the right thing and feeling good about it.
4. **Responsibility**-Taking ownership for your own behavior.
5. **perseverance**-Working hard at a task until the end.



On the back of this letter is the handout-What's on Your List. Please help your child complete it. It will help you start a family conversation about Courage, Honesty, Responsibility, Integrity and Perseverance.

UPSTANDER PLEDGE

I am an UPSTANDER.

I have the power to influence my peers.

I SAY something OR DO something when you need help.

I am there FOR you.

I will help you get the help you need.

You are not alone.

I have your back.



WHAT CAN WE DO AT home?

- CREATE A FAMILY *CIRCLE OF TRUST* WHERE ALL MEMBERS FEEL SAFE.
- NOTICE, NAME AND CELEBRATE WHEN:
 - YOU OR YOUR CHILD SAY OR DO SOMETHING AS AN UPSTANDER.
 - TELL THE TRUTH WHEN IT IS HARD TO DO SO.
 - POINT OUT WHEN YOU OR YOUR CHILD ACCOMPLISH A GOAL.
 - CELEBRATE SMALL AND LARGE ACCOMPLISHMENTS ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU TRY YOUR BEST.
- LOOK FOR EXAMPLES OF FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND NEIGHBORS WHO MODEL POSITIVE VALUES.
- MAKE A FAMILY LIST OF WHAT YOU SAY AND DO TO PROMOTE YOUR FAMILY'S POSITIVE VALUES.

