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HEART Principles for School-Age Children

Communication is at the heart of all we do.

We listen carefully and are interested in and respect the opinions of classmates, teachers, parents and others.

We welcome and celebrate diversity in our school community.

We appreciate and respect each other's individuality.

We are honest and trustworthy and take responsibility for our actions.

We admit and learn from our mistakes; we do not dwell on them.

We are always learning and improving ourselves.

We ask questions, look for answers, and try new ideas.

We are problem-solvers, not problem-dodgers.

We don't walk away from problems; we work together to fix them.

We are independent and critical thinkers.

We think before we automatically say "yes" or "no." This means we challenge our own and each other's thinking and don't always go with the crowd.

We count on each other.

We listen to each other's concerns and participate fully in the classroom and school community. We are kind, empathetic and inclusive in our actions.

We always do our best work. We take pride in our work and in ourselves.

We cheer each other on and celebrate our classmates' successes.

Our work is serious and important but we never lose sight of the fun in what we do.



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