



Lower School

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The three values that make up our **EAGLE Essentials** are **RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, and RESOURCEFULNESS (the 3Rs)**. At SFC, our mission is to raise Christian leaders who, in pursuit of God's truths, learn to become decent and empathetic people, who are also positive contributors in our community. The purpose of teaching and reinforcing the 3Rs is to instill habits of the heart and good citizenship.*

RESPECT

Respect means to show esteem, honor, and appreciation for others. Therefore, we want to make the distinction between respecting people and being responsible for our belongings.

Why do we need to teach kids to respect?

Respect is both given and earned. *“One must develop respect for others in order to develop self-respect. The young child takes the first step toward self-respect by learning respect for his or her parents. Respect then expands to other adult authority figures, to the immediate social group and eventually, to all mankind. In bestowing respect upon others, respect for self matures.”* —John Rosemond

In order to be respected, an attitude of humility is necessary. Humility means having a modest view of one's own importance. (Philippians 2:3)

RESPONSIBILITY

Being *responsible* means you do the things you are expected to do, care for your personal property, and accept the positive and negative consequences (results) of your actions.

Why do we need to teach kids to be responsible?

Responsibility extends beyond personal material management. A community cannot thrive without citizens who are willing to think beyond themselves and contribute to the community. Children acquire this sense of social responsibility if they are consistently expected to contribute to their families, classrooms, and other social spheres. We believe that the most powerful way of learning to make good decisions is by being allowed to make some small mistakes, experiencing the related consequences, and seeing the adults around you love you even when you mess up.

In addition, we are commanded to love one another. It is our responsibility to show empathy, compassion and kindness. (Ephesians 4:32)

RESOURCEFULNESS

A *resourceful* person is someone who is good at finding ways of dealing with and solving problems. He/She creates useful and unique solutions in challenging situations. Being resourceful takes more than cognitive skills. *“It takes the ability to process information emotionally as well as intellectually. We teach resourcefulness by applying problem-solving knowledge to new situations and helping students know when to collaborate or work independently.”* —Marilyn Price-Mitchell PhD

Why do we need to teach kids to be resourceful?

Because information is ubiquitous, people no longer need to know a lot of facts. Information is readily available. You can search and find answers to almost any problem if you know where to look. That's why the virtue of "resourcefulness" has become one of the most important skills to teach today. Whether it's working on a school project or solving a problem on the playground, kids need to know how to find answers and identify and solve problems.

*NOTE:

The purpose of the Eagle Essentials is to instill habits of good citizenship and develop godly character in order for students to become positive contributors in our community.

However, it will not guarantee a heart transformation. It is important to distinguish the difference between good behavior and salvation. We believe that salvation comes, only from God, not by works (Eph. 2:8-10).

Ephesians 2:8-10: For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.