

# Responsibility



Responsibility is the pillar this month. Responsibility is doing what you are supposed to do. Responsible people think ahead, set reasonable goals, control their tempers, and always do their best. They don't give up easily, especially when others are counting on them. They are accountable for the consequences of their choices; they don't blame others for their mistakes.

## **Responsibility at Home:**

There are activities and projects you can do to promote responsibility in your home. It's important to be a good role model for your children by being punctual, being accountable for your works and actions, and avoiding excuses. It is also important to pursue your best in all that you do; your children look to you as an example. As a parent, your child is looking for you to acknowledge responsible behavior. Let him/her know when they are doing their best, pursuing excellence, doing their part, and being accountable, reliable and punctual.

In your home, you may want to develop family guidelines for responsible behavior. You can do this by making a list of household chores- such as cleaning the bathroom, raking leaves, sweeping the porch, cleaning your room, setting or cleaning the table, putting the dishes in the dish washer, folding laundry, or even feeding your pets- and alternate taking turns with these chores each week. You could also develop daily or weekly responsibility checklists in lieu of alternating responsibilities.

Something you could do to support responsibility this month is to look for responsibility in literature, movies, and TV and discuss ways in which the people/characters behaved responsibly. You could even spot out examples of when the people/characters were not being responsible and talk about the consequences.