Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom.

-Thomas Jefferson
Culture Corner

The Trust Factor

Building a school culture of trust is an intentional act that benefits principals, teachers, and students.

Trust is the most important factor in building a collaborative and positive school culture. Trusting teachers communicates that you value them and believe in them. Teachers who are trusted take risks and collaborate with their colleagues. One of the key factors in building trust is being honest.

Honesty: The Best Policy

A leader frequently lives in a "fishbowl" with many eyes peering in on every decision he or she makes. It is imperative to be open and honest about your agenda. It's better to have someone respectfully disagree with you than to have them worry that you are being less than honest. Part of being honest with yourself and your staff means knowing when to ask for help—something not always associated with conventional views of strong leadership.


Access the full article HERE.

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## Literacy Link

### Pre-K - 2nd Grade

#### MyOn Titles
- Keller, Kristin Thoennes. *Honesty*
- Lemke, Donald. *Superman Fights for Truth!*
- Michiko Florence, Debbi. *Dorothy and Toto: What's Your Name*

#### Book Titles
- Demi. *The Empty Pot*
- Hennessy, B.J. *The Wolf Who Cried Boy*
- Shannon, David. *David Gets in Trouble*

### 3rd - 5th Grade

#### MyOn Titles
- Maddox, Jake. *Skateboard Struggle*
- Maddox, Jake. *Victory Vault*
- Manushkin, Fran. *The Big Lie*
- Young, Jessica. *Finley Flowers: New and Improved*

#### Book Titles
- Cook, Julia. *Ricky Sticky Fingers*
- Costello, Emily. *Against the Rules*
- Cox, Judy. *Butterfly Buddies*

### 6th - 8th Grade

#### MyOn Titles
- Ciencin, Scott. *Hoop Rat*
- Hunt, Jilly. *Human Rights for All*

#### Book Titles
- Bowen, Fred. *Winners Take All*
- Henkes, Kevin. *Sun & Spoon*
- Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds. *Shiloh*

### 9th - 12th Grade

#### Book Titles
- Avi. *Nothing but the Truth*
- Hosseini, Khaled. *The Kite Runner*
- Morgan, Sally. *My Place*
- Lopez, Barry. *About this Life*
RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PRACTICES

Circle Starters for Honesty

What is the importance of honesty in your relationships with family and friends?

Why is honesty always the best policy?

Reflect on a time when someone was dishonest with you.

Values Matter Miami Reminders

Submit your Values Matter Miami Outstanding Honesty Nominees Here:
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Values in Action

Values Matter at Home

Host a family discussion about values and discuss which character traits are most important for adults to possess. Follow up that discussion with your best effort to show your children those traits in yourself. Children are likely to imitate the attitudes and behaviors of the adults closest to them. If you make a bad decision when it comes to being honest or sincere with your child watching, take responsibility for your failure and don’t make excuses.

If you catch your child being dishonest, use the event as a teachable moment. Have a conversation with your child about what they said and how they could have handled the situation if they had been honest. Never ignore the lies your children tell.

Make a family pact to keep promises. Insist that all members of the family keep their promises to each other or to friends. Design a family honesty pledge or credo and post it in a prominent place.

Be constructive when you respond to mistakes your child makes. If your child expects you to act angry, then he/she will be more likely to lie to cover up mistakes. Try to respond to mistakes in a calm manner and focus on the behavior and consequences so that your child is more likely to be truthful in the future.
SPOTLIGHT ON HONESTY

Values Matter Miami 2018 Award Winners

Student Winner
Aisar Hernandez
Olympia Heights Elementary School

Student Winner
Darius Bell
Miami Carol City Senior High School

Staff Winner
Daniel Hernandez
South Hialeah School

School Winner
Springview Elementary School

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