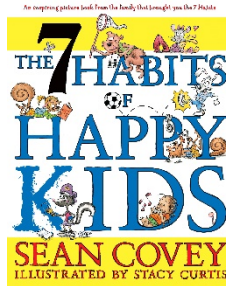


The Leader in Me & 7 Habits



Hi Parents!

Here at Vassiliadis we believe there is greatness in every child and that each child can be a leader in different ways. We're incorporating The Leader in Me and The 7 Habits of Happy Kids this year to help our students build character and maximize their potential by developing social-emotional skills, character traits and soft skills. As opposed to focusing on a habit each month, this year we'll be teaching the habits the following eight weeks so we can infuse them throughout the year. This week we briefly introduced the 7 Habits (plus bonus 8th habit) and taught our students about what makes a leader, focusing on two types of leaders:

Leader of Self: I'm in charge of ME and the choices I make. I do my personal best and do things that make me happy and proud.

Leader of Others: I share my knowledge and talents. I inspire and encourage others. I am a role model. I guide others when working towards a common goal.

We know the home-school connection is a vital part of a student's success and believe that parents are a child's first teacher so we invite you to integrate the habits at home also. Flyers will be sent home with tips, activity ideas and picture books related to each habit if you'd like to participate in reinforcing the character traits and soft skills embedded in the habits.

Tips for Home:

- Discuss what it means to be a leader.
- Brainstorm with your child ways he or she can be a leader at home.
- Give examples of how you are a leader at work or in your home.
- We often acknowledge when our kids make good choices. Try changing the language so it relates to leadership:

"I see you took the initiative to do your chores without being asked. That's something a leader would do."

"I can tell you've really been trying to be a leader by making good choices and being a positive role model for your brother."

Please refer to the reverse side for a description of each habit and be on the lookout for additional Leader in Me and 7 Habits flyers. Thank you for all you do!