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WCASD Elementary School Counselor

# Newsletter



## CREATING POSITIVE PEER RELATIONSHIPS

Teaching students to respect one another helps them create and maintain positive peer relationships.

When students understand and respect individual differences, it helps students to not only accept one another, but also to celebrate and learn from these differences. When students, parents, and staff are open to appreciating each individual person, a supportive school community is created, one in which all students and families feel a sense of belonging.

In order to maintain positive peer relationships, students should be mindful to treat others as they would like to be treated and to apologize when mistakes are made. Apologizing demonstrates empathy and accountability, and is a necessary component in maintaining positive peer relationships.

**Please contact your child's school counselor for any questions pertaining to your child's social and emotional well-being.**

## BACK TO SCHOOL BASICS

As we welcome our students back for the start of a new school year, we look to build upon their skills and also set the foundation for acquiring new skills that will help them to have a successful school year. Taking one day at a time and being prepared for each individual day will build the momentum of being prepared throughout the school year. **Readiness, Responsibility, and Respect** are three standards that should be emphasized to insure success throughout the school year.

- **Readiness** puts an emphasis on being prepared for each day with the right school supplies that will enhance your child's learning and provide the resources they need to achieve their fullest potential. Being **Ready** also involves being prepared each day with completed homework assignments and a positive mind frame eager to learn.
- **Responsibility** is an important tool for our students to acquire which will enable them to grow into young and empowered adults. As your child grows, encourage them to take on **Responsibility** for their schoolwork and their actions.
- **Respect** not only pertains to respectful behavior to others, but also teaching our students to **Respect** themselves. When students respect one another, they demonstrate that they value one another. Establishing **Respect** helps our children build and maintain positive friendships.