



Adams Topics

January 5, 2016

Gerald Adams Elementary
Dolphin Pride

TEACHER OF THE YEAR: It is with pride that I announce Mrs. Mauriah Pepper as Gerald Adams' Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Pepper currently teaches second grade. This award was voted on by her fellow teachers which is a testament to the competent teaching and great sense of collegiality that Mrs. Pepper possesses. She is a model teacher and an asset to our school!

SAC MEETING: Our January SAC (School Advisory Council) meeting will be held January 14 at 5:30 p.m. in the Media Center. The agenda will be: Discussion of Mid Year Data and interventions to support instruction; and our SAC allocation.

EARLY PICK UPS: Parents-please do not pick children up early unless they have an appointment or they are ill. They miss valuable learning. Show our students by your example just how important school is.

HOLIDAY AND PROFESSIONAL DAY: There will be a holiday January 18th and a professional day January 25th—These are non-school days and daycare will be closed. If you need daycare, please contact Poinciana School's daycare department.

NOTICE FOR PARENTS: Please have students keep their electronics and valuables at home. The post holiday toys are coming to school. We want to ensure that your children's valuables stay safe—and we cannot be responsible for lost, broken or missing items.

LOST AND FOUND: Parents please check our lost and found located in the cafeteria for any item that your child may have left behind. We donate items that are left two months or longer.

EARLY RELEASE: Friday January 22 will be an early release day. Students will dismiss at 12:00.

January Dates to Remember:

January 14-SAC Meeting 5:30 P.M.
January 18-Martin Luther King Day, No School
January 20- PAKER Night
January 22 - EARLY RELEASE
January 22-last day of 2nd 9 week grading period
January 25-Professional Day, No School
January 26-Report Cards go home
January 28 & 29-Honor Roll Programs
January 28-Fourth Grade Show

CHARACTER TRAIT FOR JANUARY — RESPECT

HOW TO BE RESPECTFUL

1. Treat other people the way you want to be treated.
2. Be courteous and polite.
3. Listen to what other people have to say.
4. Don't insult people, or make fun of them, or call them names.
5. Don't bully or pick on others.
6. Don't judge people before you get to know them.

COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR: Keys AHEC is proud to announce the scheduling of the 45th Annual UM/Keys AHEC Health Fair. This event will be held on Saturday, January 30, 2016 in Key West, Big Pine Key and Marathon. Optional Preregistration is January 9th from 9-2 in all the same locations except Big Pine.



TEACH YOUR CHILD ABOUT RESPONSIBILITY

Responsible children do better in school and they grow up to become productive, responsible adults. Children need to learn responsibility. And home is where they learn it best. You can help your child develop responsibility by using the six E's:

1. Explain it. Talk about what responsibility means.
2. Examine it. Look for examples of responsibility. Did a character on a TV show take responsibility for his actions? Point it out. Talk about it with your child.
3. Exhibit it. Your personal example is the strongest way you teach. Let your child see you make responsible choices.
4. Encourage it. Help your child think about ways he can be responsible. He might start to pick up his room every day. When he does, be sure you notice and praise him. When he does his homework without nagging, say something.
5. Expect it. Set rules and consequences. Now that your child knows what you expect, make sure he follows through. It's not enough to pick up after himself two days a week. Expect that he will do it every day. Make sure there are consequences if he doesn't.
6. Evaluate it. How is he doing? After a few weeks, talk again. Be ready to give your child more responsibility when he shows he can handle it.

Source: T. Lickona, Character Matters, ISBN: 0-743-24507-5, Simon & Schuster.