

Coolidge School's new pilot program for School/Classroom Culture and Character Development is based on the *The Leader In Me* program by Stephen and Sean Covey, of the Franklin Covey Institute.

Classroom Culture, guided by "7 Habits of Happy Kids"

Be Proactive: You're in Charge

* I am responsible for myself * I chose my own actions, attitudes and moods * I do good things, even when no one is looking * I do things for others (getting supplies, holding door open, etc.) * I clean up my table group without being asked * I take responsibility for my actions (no blaming) * I take initiative

Begin with the End in Mind: Have a Plan

* I plan ahead and set goals * I think about how the choices I make affect my future * I think about what I want to be when I grow up and how I will get there * I do things that have meaning and make a difference

Put First Things First: Work First, Then Play

* I spend my time on things that are most important * I say no to things I shouldn't do * I complete homework and get my planner signed * I am on task in class * I am organized * I am disciplined

Think Win-Win: Everyone Can Win

* I want everyone to be a success * When there is a conflict, I look for a fair solution that will make everyone feel good * I don't have to put others down to get what I want * I am respectful toward everyone * I am not selfish. I share and think of other people too

Seek First to Understand, then be Understood: Listen Before You Talk

* I listen to other people's feelings and ideas, and I don't interrupt * I raise my hand when I have something to say, and wait till I'm called on before I speak * I try to understand other people's views and feelings * I am comfortable sharing my ideas and opinions

Synergy: Together is Better

* I'm a good team player; I get along with other people in my group * I know that everyone is good at something and that everyone needs to get better at something * I believe we can all learn from each other and I ask other people their ideas * I know that working as a team we can get more done

Sharpen the Saw: Balance Feels Best

* I keep my mind, heart, soul and body balanced * I spend time with my family and friends * I take care of my body by eating right, exercising, and getting enough sleep * I enjoy learning new things * I am always trying to become a better person