

BE A LEADER

LEADERSHIP AT SCHOOL

TIPS FOR CAREGIVERS

Leadership can be an intimidating and abstract concept. Finding ways to encourage small, everyday examples of leadership can help instill the traits of a good leader in young readers. It is important to know that there are many leadership traits, forms of leadership, and types of leaders. By helping young people identify all of the possibilities, you can help them find which types of leaders they want to be. Learning how to demonstrate the traits of a leader is a form of social and emotional learning (SEL).

BEFORE READING

Talk to the reader about leadership.

Discuss: What does leadership mean to you? Who are some leaders in your life? How do they lead?

AFTER READING

Talk to the reader about how he or she can practice leadership.

Discuss: What can you do at home to? What leadership traits can you develop to be a better leader?

SEL GOAL

Young readers may have a hard time seeing themselves as leaders. Lead students in a discussion about times that they positively influenced someone or something. Discuss the leadership traits in this book. Have students think of times they have used these traits. Help them start to identify leadership traits in themselves.

GOALS AND TOOLS

GROW WITH GOALS

Anyone can be a leader! By showing your leadership traits at school, you can make friends, feel more confident, and have a positive impact on your school community.

Goal: The next time you are playing a game at school, invite someone new to join. Can you include someone new once a day?

Goal: Listening is a leadership trait that can be very hard. Try it out by asking people to share their opinions, asking good questions, and repeating their ideas back to make sure you understand.

Goal: If you see peers being treated unfairly at school, step in and help their voices be heard. Ask them how you can help advocate for them. Maybe they want to advocate for themselves. Stand with them while they do.

WRITING REFLECTION

Make a list of situations in which you might be able to help others by using your leadership traits. During the school week, keep track of times when you use these leadership skills. Count them up at the end of the week. Can you do more the next week?

1. What are some ways you could include others at school?
2. What are some school situations in which you can help others by listening?
3. What are some ways you might be able to advocate for someone at school?



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