

Mount Carmel Christian School
2016 - 2017 Monthly Character Trait Emphasis



MONTH	TRAIT	CHILDREN'S BOOKS	BIBLICAL REFERENCE
August	Attentiveness - paying attention and being a good listener	<u>Brand New Pencils, Brand New Books</u> , Diane deGroat <u>Interrupting Chicken</u> . David Stein	Proverbs 1:5 <i>A wise man will listen and increase in learning</i>
			James 1:19 <i>But let everyone be quick to hear and slow to speak</i>
			Proverb 12:15 <i>The way of a fool seems right to him, but a wise man listens to advice</i>
			Proverbs 4:1 <i>Listen my sons, to a father's instruction, pay attention and gain understanding</i>
September	Responsibility taking care and respecting yourself and others and doing the right thing and being respectful of others	<u>Chameleon's Colors</u> , Chisato Tashiro	Luke 16:10 <i>He who is faithful in little, is also faithful in much</i>
			Proverbs 20:11 <i>Even a child is known by his actions, by whether his conduct is true and right.</i>
			Proverbs 28:29 <i>A faithful man will be richly blessed</i>
			Proverbs 14:23 <i>In all labor (work) there is profit</i>
October	Diligence - working hard to accomplish a task; a commitment to accomplishing a task correctly.	<u>Brave Irene</u> , William Steig	Galatians 6:9 <i>Let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart</i>
			Proverbs 20:11 <i>Do you see a man who excels in his work? He will stand before kings.</i>
			Proverbs 13:4 <i>The desires of the diligent are fully satisfied</i>
			Proverbs 14:23 <i>In all labor (work) there is profit</i>
November	Gratitude - showing appreciation for others' kindness and being thankful for all things	<u>Thank you, God, for Everything</u> , by August Gold <u>Thanks a Million</u> , by Nikki Grimes <u>Henry's Life as a Tulip Bulb</u> or developing an Attitude of Gratitude www.henrythetulipbulb.com , Linda Brandt	Ephesians 5:20 <i>...giving thanks always for all things, to God, the father</i>
			I Thessalonians 5:18 <i>In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God</i>
			Psalms 107:1 <i>Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever</i>
			I Timothy 4:4 <i>For everything created by God is good, and it should be received with gratitude.</i>
December	Generosity - it is better to give than to receive	<u>The Quiltmaker's Journey</u> , Jeff Brumbeau <u>The Giving Tree</u> , by Shel Silverstein <u>Ribbon Rescue</u> , by Robert Munsch	2 Corinthians 9:7 <i>God loves a cheerful giver</i>
			Acts 20:35 <i>It is more blessed to give than to receive</i>
			Hebrews 6:10 <i>God is not unjust; He will not forget your work and the love you have shown Him as you have helped His people and continued to help Him.</i>
			Proverbs 11:25 <i>A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor.</i>

January Dependability - fulfilling what one has committed to do even if it means an unexpected sacrifice	<u>Very Like a Star</u> , by Dawn L. Wilkins	Proverbs 13:5 <i>Never will I leave you, never will I forsake you.</i>
		Joshua 1:9 <i>Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord, your God will be with you wherever you go.</i>
		Proverbs 11:13 <i>A gossip betrays a confidence, but a trustworthy man keeps a secret.</i>
		Revelation 2:10 <i>Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life..</i>
February Forgiveness - to forget someone's wrongdoing and to overlook others' offenses	<u>Dear Mrs. LaRue</u> , Mark Teague	Colossians 3:12-13 <i>Bear with each other and forgive each other, just as the Lord forgave you.</i>
		Ephesians 4:32 <i>other just as Christ God forgave you.</i>
		Matthew 18:21-22 <i>How many times shall I forgive my brother and sister who sins against me...Jesus answers seventy times seven.</i>
		Nehemiah 9:17 <i>You are a forgiving God, gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in loving kindness</i>
March Honesty - importance of always telling the truth	<u>The Empty Pot</u> , Demi Robberecht <u>Sam Tells Stories</u> , Thierry Liar, <u>Liar, Pants on Fire</u> , by Diane DeGoat	Leviticus 19:11 <i>Do not steal. Do not lie. Do not deceive one another.</i>
		Leviticus 25:17 <i>Do not take advantage of each other, but fear your God. I am the Lord, your God.</i>
		1 Thessalonians 4:6-7 <i>And that in this matter no one should wrong his brother or take advantage of him. The Lord will punish men for all such sins, as we have already told you and warned you. For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life.</i>
		Proverbs 14:5 <i>A faithful witness will not lie, but a false witness will utter lies.</i>
April Compassion - doing whatever is necessary to heal the hurts of others	<u>A Chair for My Mother</u> , Vera Williams	John 3:17 <i>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.</i>
		John 4:8 <i>God is love</i>
		Matthew 25:40 <i>(Jesus says) I will tell you the truth, whatever you do for the least of these my brothers of mines, you did for me.</i>
		Romans 12:15 <i>Rejoice with those who rejoice, mourn with those who mourn. If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives to all men generously.</i>
May Wisdom - Thinking and acting using knowledge, experience, understanding, common sense, and insight	<u>Finn McCool and the Great Fish</u> , by Eve Bunting <u>The Tale of Three Trees</u> , a traditional folktale by Angela Hunt <u>Unwitting Wisdom. An Anthology of Aesop's Fables</u> , by Helen Ward	James 1:5 <i>A man's wisdom gives him patience; it is to His glory to overlook an offense.</i>
		Proverbs 19:11 <i>For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.</i>
		Jeremiah 29:11 <i>A wise man listens to advice.</i>
		Proverbs 12:15