

5 S.T.A.R.R.

5th Grade Students, Teachers, Assume Respect and Responsibility

Today, all fifth grade students participated in the new 5 S.T.A.R.R. (Fifth Grade Students, Teachers, Assume Respect and Responsibility) program at Roosevelt School. The 5 S.T.A.R.R. program was designed by Roosevelt teachers (using the district's Ethical Leadership Conference training as a model) to promote the development of the following skills within each fifth grade student:

- * Respect- of others, ourselves, and authority
- * Responsibility
- * Compassion
- * Self-Control/ Self Discipline
- * Honesty
- * Tolerance
- * Empathy
- * Cooperation
- * Goal Setting - developing individual talent and recognizing differences

Students were broken into small groups where they role played, discussed and thought about scenarios they face each day. As each scenario took place students, without being lead by their teachers, were asked to reflect and decide how they would act under the same circumstances.

In addition to today's session our fifth graders will continue to work on improving the above mentioned skills throughout the year. Two additional half days have been set aside, one in the fall and then again in the spring, as well as time at White Pines to continue these discussions and further the children's skills.

When your child comes home tonight and you ask them what they learned today, they may not be able to put it in words. That's a good thing! We want them to take time and reflect on each situation. It is in each child's reflection, that the true learning takes place.

If you have further questions about 5 S.T.A.R.R., please contact one of the following people: Mr. Casey, Mr. Wolcott or your child's teacher.

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