



May 2017

Dear Parent or Guardian,

If this saying is true, we should all be pretty good dancers by now, given the amount of rain that has fallen this spring in Indiana.

The character trait for the month of May is Trustworthiness here at Summitville Elementary. It is a busy month for our teachers and their students, but they are welcoming me into their classrooms to provide an age-appropriate character education lesson relating to this positive character trait. I am encouraging all staff to take advantage of each and every opportunity to model and reinforce the importance of Trustworthiness (Honesty). Throughout the school day there are numerous "teachable moments" to educate our students about more than academics - about being a person of character! We don't want these moments to pass us by here at SES. As parents and guardians, I encourage you to take advantage of those "teachable moments" too, the ones that take place at home and in the community. Talk to your children about being a person of character and model these traits for them. Consider this quote from Wilfred Peterson, "Our children are watching us live and what we are shouts louder than anything we can say."

I joined the great team of staff and teachers at Summitville Elementary School in September of 2016 and now there are just four weeks of school left in this academic year. It has been a pleasure to get to know the staff, the students, and the families that make up this community. Although I am looking forward to the summer, I am also looking forward to continuing in my role as the Elementary Social Worker and to what the upcoming school year holds. It will be a year of change, but I trust that we will continue to provide the very best for our students. It is exciting to watch them grow academically and socially.

Summer is a great time to spend time with your children. Keep this in mind, "In the end, kids won't remember that fancy toy or game you bought for them, they will remember the time you spent with them." - Kevin Heath

Have an awesome summer and be safe!

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