

LEGACY

Young students: This is what people remember about us!

Older students/teens/adults: A gift, lesson, or reputation handed down from one person or group to another.

WEEK 1 Legacy defined: What does legacy mean? What is a good or a bad legacy?

WEEK 2 Legacy, character & behavior: How do I treat others?

WEEK 3 Impact & impression: Who has made an impact on me? Who has taught me?

WEEK 4 Keep & share: How do we remember and commemorate?

**POWERFUL
WORDS**
CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

Dear Family,

This month we will focus on the powerful word; “legacy.”

Legacy is what you leave behind. It’s what people remember about you, a team you were on or a school or class you were part of-- even after the season or year is over.

You can leave a legacy of hard work and commitment when you graduate. A doctor can leave a legacy of a certain level of care after s/he retires. A grandparent can leave a legacy of love and tradition after s/he passes away.

The type of legacy people leave is dependant upon the type of impact they make on others. Were they kind and thoughtful? Trustworthy and true? Respectful and dependable? Character certainly plays a big part in legacy.

Thinking back, we can all remember certain people that made a big impact on us. People often speak of teachers that had a big effect on us when we were children or on our children when they were younger.

In July of this past year, a study that was published in the *Teachers College Record* showed that teachers can affect student achievement over time (July, 2011). Especially those teachers who work with our children early on in life seem to have a profound effect on student achievement years later. Findings suggest that “teacher effects do not fade” and strong teachers leave a legacy of learning in their students.

Even when our children are young we can ask them, “How do you want people to remember you?” or “What 3

words would you want to come to mind if someone were to describe you?” We can talk in terms of legacy about teachers who are no longer teaching or family members who are no longer with us-- “what do you remember about _____?”

This month, please share with your children about the people who made a profound impact on your life. Famous or not, who do you feel leaves an important legacy?

Thank you for your support. You are pivotal in helping to make our school one of the best personal development centers in the world.

Best Regards,
—*Your Motivated and
Dedicated Instructors*

UPCOMING POWERFUL WORDS

MAY Trustworthiness

JUNE Courtesy

JULY Accountability