



## Community Service and Character Development at Emerson Academy

### Character Education Program Philosophy

As our children are bombarded with more and more images and access to information, character education becomes integral to providing a moral compass that can serve to ground and direct their behavior. Emerson Academy's Community Service and Character Education programming focuses on cultivating strong moral standards in thought and in deed. We place with particular emphasis on instilling values and demonstrating to our students that consistency and integrity are key: great accomplishments come from great behavior and great service to our local and larger communities.

To this end, our teachers pull from a wide range of sources that exemplify ethical behavior and encourage children to value truthfulness, honour, loyalty, self-control, education, perseverance, respect, hard work and accountability. Lessons are drawn from age-appropriate works of fiction and non-fiction, influential leaders and thinkers, current and historical events, ancient eastern philosophies and examples of strength of character in sports.

### R.A.K. - Turning Theory into Practice

George Elliston once remarked, "How beautiful a day can be when kindness touches it". By this definition, we are proud to say that every day is a beautiful day at Emerson Academy.

We believe in the power of positive reinforcement, and as such we provide opportunities for the children to demonstrate sincerity, empathy, and generosity each day through our Random Acts of Kindness (R.A.K.) program. As a compliment to the lessons learned in our Character Education program, students are encouraged to reach out and be kind toward members within and outside of their community – whether through an organized food drive or just by being a friend to someone who needs one. This way, children are introduced to the joy of making others happy through selfless acts early on, and can experience first-hand the lasting impact that their kindness and generosity has on another person and on their own personal development.

### THE EMERSON EFFECT

*Each and every adult your child comes into contact with at Emerson Academy endeavours to play a part in their character education.*

*We provide structured and unstructured character education, both inside and outside of the classroom.*

*We lead by example, and make deliberate efforts every day to seize and create opportunities that will teach our students values and prosocial skills.*

*Through Emerson Academy's daily Random Acts of Kindness program, your child's good thoughts become good deeds, and ethical behaviour becomes innate and long-lasting.*



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