



AVENTURA CITY OF EXCELLENCE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

We are excited to implement the Cloud9World Character Strength Building Program this year throughout our school. As we strive to build knowledge and skills, it is critical that we also nurture strong character to help our children make wise decisions and to act on them.

Join us in what promises to be an exciting and fun way to build character strengths. Each month we will introduce a new character trait with a book and video at school. Each month, we will reinforce this trait through discussions and activities, across the curriculum. The program also has a "home connection" sheet containing suggestions of fun activities your family can do together to foster this character trait. We encourage you to read the books together and try the activities. We will give you one volunteer hour for returning the signed home connection form to your child's HR teacher.

Parents are, of course, the first and most important teachers in character education. The Cloud9 Program makes this a bit easier by providing a common vocabulary and concrete examples of our monthly character traits. This year's traits include compassion, self-control, respect, perseverance, humbleness and integrity.

K-5 Families

As part of the program's home component, students will be bringing home a monthly vocabulary card and a beautiful book to reflect and complement each trait we are focusing on. **We encourage students to make a special box or designated plastic bin to keep these cards and books, as over time your child will have a wonderful collection of materials.** Having a place to store these materials will allow you to review and internalize them together as a family and will ensure continued support of the program as your child's collection grows every year at ACES.

6-8 Families

Middle school students will also receive a monthly vocabulary card to take home. They will also have e-books available to them on the student Cloud 9 Portal with access to school and work-based vignettes as well as examples of what is or isn't the monthly character trait. Parents will have access to a monthly newsletter that provides tips on how to talk to your teen.

All parents will have online access to the Cloud 9 Program by visiting the website www.cloud9world.com

Grades K-5 username: aventura-parent & password: c9wparent

Grades 6-8 username: aventurams-parent & password: c9wparent

Come inside Cloud9 World! Meet Judy, Joe and Gina the Gorilla (compassion) Julie and Jade the Giraffe (integrity), Herman and Bolivar the Beaver (perseverance), and many more. Through this wonderful cast of characters, you will be nurturing your child's character development and offering a lifelong source of strength and self-esteem that promotes learning and fosters friendships. If you have any questions about the program, please contact Mr. Paz.

Together, we hope to build a positive atmosphere where good character is expected and valued!