



**Expect Respect Character Trait:
Citizenship**

Focus for January: Day of Service

HOME CONNECTION

Model being a Good Citizen	As a parent, you must remember that your children are always watching you. In order to help your child become a responsible citizen, parents should model the behaviors they hope to see in their children. Some of the behaviors you can model is being kind to others and helping others. It is critical to remember that everything you do as a parent is under the watchful eyes of your children, so be a great example.
Shared Decision Making	Democratic ideals can be on display in your home every single day. Not all family decisions are negotiable, but single out those that can be. Encourage kids to have a say in decisions such as movies, family games, or other collaborative activities. Also, model responsible civic behavior by taking children with you to the polls on voting day and talk about the importance of voting in every election.
Day of Service	Choose a day in the month to give back to the community. Plan a day of service for your family to work together in serving others. You can do things such as, volunteer at a local food bank, choose a neighbor to help in some way, or join a community clean-up project to join in.
Current Events	Teach civics by analyzing age-appropriate current events and leading a discussion on how to approach the news. It promotes the idea of keeping your child connected to the world and spreading the importance of remaining aware of the important issues that drive the current events in the world. By being exposed to the news, your child will grow up connected to society so that he or she can feel confident and driven to contribute

