

An Introduction to Your Child's Planner

Welcome

Dear parents and family members,

Welcome to the CHARACTERCOUNTS® Planner! This year's planner is designed to help your child on the path to lifelong success.

The CHARACTERCOUNTS® planner is based on the Model Standards for Academic, Social, Emotional and Character Development from the Josephson Institute of Ethics. Through regular use of the planner, your child will explore core ethical values and success skills that will help strengthen their character.

About Your Planner

The CHARACTERCOUNTS® planner will help your child:

- Track and prioritize assignments, homework, and tests
- Set and work toward goals
- Explore the Six Pillars of Character®
- Develop core character-building skills

The CHARACTERCOUNTS® planner will help you:

- Stay informed about your child's learning and in touch with his or her teacher(s)
- Encourage your child to make good choices, prioritize tasks, and use time wisely
- Reinforce values, skills, and attitudes that build character
- Identify teachable moments to build character

Each month, the student planner presents themes focused on The Six Pillars of Character® and The Six Success Skills, such as:

Character & Learning
Trustworthiness & Resilience
Respect & Perseverance
Responsibility & Self-Discipline
Fairness & Diligence
Caring & Learning
Citizenship & Positivity
Responsibility & Self-Discipline
Trustworthiness & Perseverance
Respect & Resilience
Character & Positivity

What's in Your Planner

The monthly and weekly content in the CHARACTERCOUNTS!® planner was thoughtfully crafted to become a vehicle for students to approach each day in a character-filled way.

Character-Building Quotes and Statements: Introduce the monthly and weekly themes to students in a way that connects them to the topics and gets them thinking.

In-Depth Topic Explorations: Dive deep into character-building topics and success skills, and provide a rich understanding of the themes.

Thought-Provoking Reflection Questions: Inspire students to apply core ethical values and beliefs and success skills to their own lives through stimulating questions that require them to apply higher-order thinking skills.

Convenient Model-Standard Listings: Identify the Josephson Institute of Ethics Model Standard on each weekly page. Match the weekly content to its standard, and connect it to the corresponding lesson in the CHARACTERCOUNTS!® Way to Go Journals.