

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

What Do I Want to Be When I Grow Up??

What do you want to be when you grow up? This is a question that kids are often asked. It is never too early to begin preparing our kids to think about and plan for their futures. Elementary school is the time to begin teaching kids the knowledge and skills they need to succeed not only in school and a future job, but also in life. During my lessons this month, we will be exploring interests, skills, and careers. Look for a letter about the specific lesson we did in their classroom!

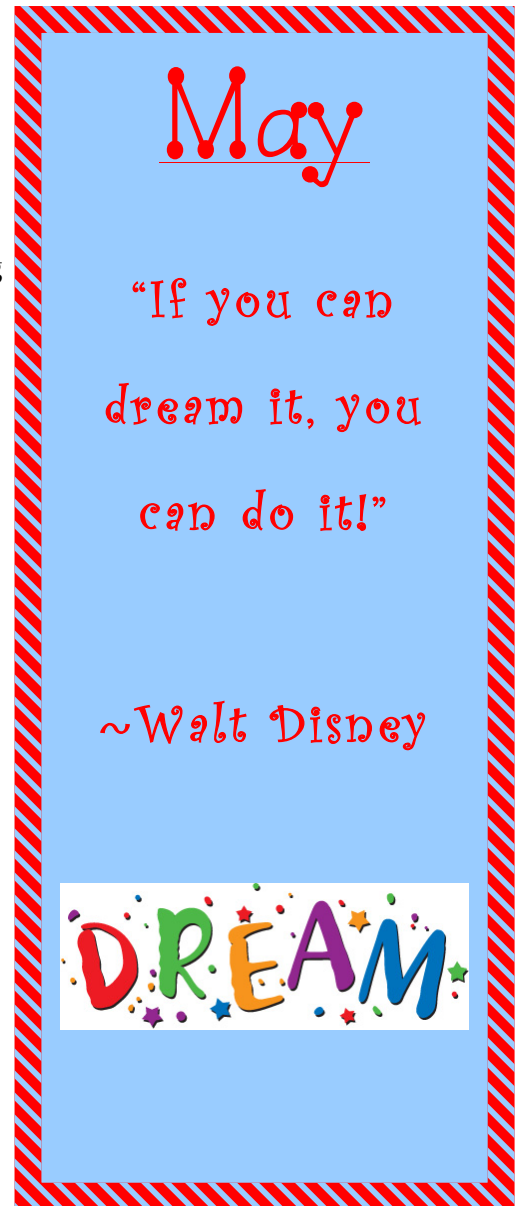
In our rapidly changing world, kids need to be equipped with 21st century college and career readiness skills. During the 2013-2014 school year, my lessons will focus on habits that will help students succeed in life and school. I will be teaching the habits described by Stephen Covey in The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People, in a kid-friendly way. I will also be using The Leader in Me, by Sean Covey, as a guideline. Schools that have taught these principles have seen positive results in their students such as greater confidence, better problem-solving skills, improved academics, and decreased discipline issues.

I would encourage all parents to read, The Leader in Me, so that you can reinforce at home what we are learning about here at school!

Transition Time

As we approach the end of the school year, our students are faced with the transition to a new grade level next year. Our fourth graders, especially, will experience a big change as they enter middle school as 5th graders. To answer their questions and ease some of their concerns, we will have a day during the last week of May when the counselors from Diley and Toll Gate Middle Schools visit with them. The students will learn about what to expect in middle school and have an opportunity to ask questions. We are proud of how hard our students have worked this year and know that they will be ready to move forward!

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