

3rd and 5th January Counseling Lesson

Honesty/Truthfulness

Although honesty is a character trait that comes more easily to some children than others, fortunately, it is also a skill that can be taught. One of the most important factors for teaching children honesty is having strong role models who consistently model honest behaviors and expectations. These role models may be teachers, parents or other students. Although few children escape their elementary school years without telling a lie, the majority of children do not lie to be deceitful as much as they lie to avoid getting into trouble. It is important to stress to children that telling the truth will never get them into as much trouble as getting caught in a lie.

In their counseling special, students enjoyed hearing the book, Edward Fudwupper Fibbed Big, by Berkeley Breathed. The book tells that wild tale of a boy who loves to tell fibs. Until one day, his fib creates chaos all throughout the town! After a discussion on the importance of always telling the truth, students worked in groups or solo to create comic strips about honesty. Ask your child about his or her comic strip!

Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have any questions or concerns about your child or the counseling program at Hillside!

Thank you,

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