

Leader in Me



The
Leader in Me™

"Leadership is communicating a person's worth and potential so clearly that they are inspired to see it in themselves" ~ Stephen R. Covey. We want are students to be inspired.

About

Summit Hill is in its first year of becoming a **Leader in Me** school. We will be incorporating Stephen Covey's 7-Habits of Highly Effective People into our expectations and daily routines. Students will begin learning about the 7-Habits in every classroom and expand their understanding and application throughout their elementary school journey.

Summit Hill's Journey

The mission of Summit Hill Elementary has been to equip our students to value more than just test scores. While, Summit Hill was most recently ranked one the highest performing elementary schools in the state of Georgia, we know that today's students also need the skills and self-confidence to succeed as leaders in the 21st Century. They need to be able to communicate clearly, to work as a team, to be self-motivated and analytical thinkers. Through feedback provided in teacher and parent surveys, thinking and problem solving along with leadership and principle-based learning was ranked as one of the most important skills for our students to learn.

In the fall of 2015 the entire Summit Hill staff started this journey by completing a book study on the **Leader in Me**. As our journey begins, we will focus our efforts on empowering students to become leaders of their own learning by being trained in Dr. Stephen Covey's 7 Habits of Highly Effective People.

The opportunity to develop students' leadership abilities is exciting. We hope to help every student become a leader in learning and in life. Incorporating the 7 Habits into our daily instruction, having students begin "owning" their learning through their leadership notebooks, and providing multiple leadership opportunities in every classroom and throughout our school for students will help us to accomplish our goal.

For those of you who have already joined us on this journey, thank you. If you are new to the family or just starting to investigate the **Leader in Me**, get ready to be inspired.

Leadership Model

The Leadership Model Program receives national recognition for its emphasis on developing leadership in young children. It is grounded in the belief that building cooperative relationships and nurturing responsibility, kindness and good judgment is the basis for creating a successful community of learners. By developing the WHOLE child - socially, emotionally, academically and ethically - the program fosters a climate of principle-centered and personal leadership.

The principles of Dr. Stephen R. Covey, internationally renowned consultant and author of the 7 HABITS OF HIGHLY EFFECTIVE PEOPLE are embedded in the school's culture and guide the student, faculty and staff in building the leadership model. In addition, as part of a collaboration with the PTO, community members and families will be given the opportunity to learn about these principles.

One of our goals is that each quarter of the school year, students identify and set their own academic goals based upon their individual needs. Students will begin to track their progress and growth over the course of the school year. Students also learn social etiquette and develop communication and presentation skills through student-lead programming including a daily news broadcast, student council, safety patrol, and other student responsibilities.

7 Habits (Click on a habit below to learn more!)

I [Be Proactive](#)

II [Begin with the End in Mind](#)

III [Put First Things First](#)

IV [Think Win-Win](#)

V [Seek First to Understand, then to be Understood](#)

VI [Synergize](#)

VII [Sharpen the Saw](#)

The 7 Habits® Tree

AND REMEMBER TO
TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF

Habit 7

SHARPEN THE SAW®
Balance Feels Best

THEN PLAY WELL
WITH OTHERS

Habit 6

SYNERGIZE®
Together Is Better

Habit 5

**SEEK FIRST TO UNDERSTAND,
THEN TO BE UNDERSTOOD®**
Listen Before You Talk

Habit 4

THINK WIN-WIN®
Everyone Can Win

START WITH YOU

Habit 3

PUT FIRST THINGS FIRST®
Work First, Then Play

Habit 2

**BEGIN WITH
THE END IN MIND®**
Have a Plan

Habit 1

BE PROACTIVE®
You're in Charge

