



Growing Leaders of Tomorrow

Dear Amagansett Families,

At Amagansett, we have created a plan that will help prepare every child to be successful for the demands of the 21st Century. Our plan's foundation is built upon Franklin Covey's The Leader in Me program. This program helps improve students' performance and fosters the qualities of independence (goal-setting, organization, time management, and planning); interdependence (teamwork, conflict management, creativity, and analytical skills); and renewal (fun, desire to learn, and good health).

The intentional focus on leadership develops the whole child and includes all content areas and builds interpersonal relationship skills. The Leader in Me program uses the Seven Habits of Happy Kids in order to help students become "leaders of their own learning." This philosophy is embedded within our school culture. It leads to higher levels of learning and greater satisfaction as the students take ownership of their academic goals and character development. Each habit also strengthens our continued commitment to diversity, equity and inclusivity.

The Leader in Me approach is based on 5 core paradigms...

1. Everyone can be a leader.
2. Everyone has genius.
3. Change starts with me.
4. Educators empower students to lead their own learning.
5. Develop the whole person.

Below please find a synopsis of the habits.

The Seven Habits of Happy Kids

Habit 1: Be Proactive

I am a responsible person. I take initiative. I choose my actions, attitudes, and moods. I do not blame others for my wrong actions. I do the right thing without being asked, even when no one is looking. I am kind and considerate to all.

Habit 2: Begin with the End in Mind

I plan ahead and set goals. I do things that have meaning and make a difference. I am an important part of my classroom and contribute to my school's mission and vision, and treat all with respect and integrity.

Habit 3: Put First Things First

I spend my time on things that are most important. This means I say no to things I know I should not do. I set priorities, make a schedule, and follow my plan. I am disciplined and organized.

Habit 4: Think Win-Win

I balance courage for getting what I want with consideration for what others want. I make deposits in others' Emotional Bank Accounts. When conflicts arise, I look for third alternatives. I am inclusive and fair.

Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood

I listen to other people's ideas and feelings. I try to see things from their viewpoints. I listen to others without interrupting. I am confident in voicing my ideas. I look people in the eyes when talking. I appreciate diversity.

Habit 6: Synergize

I value other people's strengths and learn from them. I get along well with others, even people who are different than me. I work well in groups. I seek out other people's ideas to solve problems because I know that by teaming with others we can create better solutions than any one of us alone.

Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw

I take care of my body by eating right, exercising, and getting sleep. I spend time with family and friends. I learn in lots of ways and lots of places, not just at school. I take time to find meaningful ways to help others.

We are committed to forging tomorrow's leaders and instilling the characteristics necessary for our students to become thinking, pro-active leaders, able to meet and overcome any future challenges.

We celebrate the leader in all of our students! Visit the Leader in Me at <https://www.leaderinme.org/family-resources/>. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have further questions.

Sincerely,
The Leader in Me
Lighthouse Team