

## INTRO

I have come to believe leader in me can help kids in many ways: It will teach them about the power of living according to principles, such as responsibility, planning ahead, respect for others, teamwork, and balance. Principles are like gravity. They are timeless, universal, and self-evident. And they are needed today more than ever. The 7 habits will equip them with a common language they can use with parents or teachers. It can be so helpful to say “I need to put first things first.” Or “Let’s find a win-win for the situation”, and for everyone to know exactly what is meant. Now let’s hand it over to Owen for the first habit.

# **Proactive**

**When you are proactive you take initiative, you choose to be responsible, you choose your actions, attitudes, and you have good moods. You do not blame others for your wrong actions, you also do the right thing without being asked. You have integrity. Every habit has an animal. Proactive is the Opossum. How do they stay proactive? (Madison answers: They stay calm by relaxing and playing dead when danger is near we are the opossum and danger is reactive behavior that's how opossums stay proactive).**

**The hand motion is... (Point out, then point to yourself).  
Now I'm gonna hand it to Madison for habit 2.**

# **Beginning With the End in Mind**

**Beginning with the end in mind means that you plan ahead, and you set goals, do things that have a meaning, and make a difference. It means that you should have a clear picture of your goals before you even get started.**

**Here is an example: Let's say one year you got proficient and then you think that I'm going to study, and practice so that next year I can get advanced. Or you got advanced then you would set a goal and begin with the end in mind and think I'm going to get advanced next year too because it will be harder the older I get. The animal that begins with the end in mind most, is a bird because when they are a baby they have to begin with the end in mind and say "I'm gonna fly."**

**The action for beginning with the end in mind is... (Point to feet, then up, then to head). Now let's hand it over to Owen for habit 3.**

# **Put first things first**

**If you put first things first then you spend time on things that are most important, you say no to things you should not do. You set priorities, and make a schedule. You achieve goals, and stay disciplined and organized. The animal that puts first things first most, is a wood chuck because they gather supplies like nuts, sticks, leaves, etc.**

**The hand signal for putting first things first is...  
(Hold up one finger then the other. Separate hands).  
Now I'm going to give it over to Madison for habit 4.**

# Sharpen the Saw

**Last but certainly not least sharpen the saw.**

**Sharpen the saw means that you eat right, exercise, get sleep, and spend time with family and friends. You learn in lots of ways and places, not just school. You take time to find meaningful ways to help others. It is an unusual habit because it is what happens after you do habits 1-6. Sharpening your saw is to relax after you do work. The animal that sharpens the saw most is a monkey. They climb trees, and simply go bananas.**

**The action is... (Grind arm against arm, then raise arm).**

**you lose you both win, when you think win-win. It's a win-win situation.**

**The action for thinking win-win is... (Point to head, then one hand up, then other hand up). Now let's hand it over to Owen for habit # 5.**

# **Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood**

**When you seek first to understand then to be understood you listen to others before speaking. When you practice habit 5, you listen to other people's feelings and ideas. You try to see things from their viewpoints. You listen to others without interrupting. You are confident in your voicing and ideas. You also look people in the eye while talking.**

**The animal that seeks first to understand then to be understood most, is the koala because they have to understand their younglings by knowing what and when they need to eat, play, sleep, or whatever it's need is.**

**The hand signal is... (Look around with hand on fore head, then cuff hand around ear). Now let's hand it over to Madison for habit # 6.**

# **Think Win-Win**

**If you think win-win then you have courage for what you want with consideration for what others want. When you think win-win you make deposits and with draws in peoples emotional bank account. If you make a deposit then you make someone feel good. If you make a with draw then you make them feel bad. If someone is talking about a conflict then you create a third alternative to get there mind off the conflict. It means that you have belief that everyone can win, being happy and proud for someone else when they have accomplished something. If you think win-win then you will be happy and confident.**

**Here is an example: we all know that friendships are not a competition, It's not like one of you win and one of**

# **Synergize**

**Synergizing means that you learn from others strengths, and work well with people even if there different from you. You team with others and we all know that with a team we will have a better outcome in the end, if you synergize then you are humble.**

**Here is an example: Let's say you have a solution to a problem and you think that is the only way but someone else has a different solution, then you have synergized and have multiple answers.**

**The hand motion is... (Hug yourself and shake).**



## CONCLUSION

“If we work upon marble, it will perish. If we work upon brass, time will efface it. If we rear temples, they will crumble to dust. But if we work upon immortal minds and instill into them just principles, we are then engraving upon that tablet that which no time will efface but will brighten and brighten to all eternity.” Now to conclude our speech Madison and I have a few words to say about what leader in me means to us. The leader in me program has made a huge impact on our school’s system. It has given children a chance to realize what character traits really are. It lets them see how principals can change their life. The 7 habits help kids see how powerful principles are. If everyone followed these habits the entire world would be a much better place. But sadly not everyone gets to experience these life changing moments in kid’s.