

## CHARACTER FIRST!



### Character Education Word of the Month

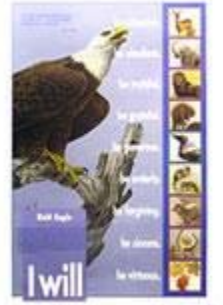
The Florida State legislature mandated that Character Education Programs be implemented into the school curriculum beginning in the school year 2004-2005. The character education program is required in kindergarten through grade 12. The character education curriculum stresses the qualities of patriotism, responsibility, citizenship, kindness, respect, honesty, self-control, tolerance, and cooperation. Calhoun County has implemented character education

curriculum entitled *Character First*.

At the beginning of each month, the character education word of the month is introduced on the Good Morning Show. Each week a component of the word is discussed reinforcing the character traits in classroom activities.

For more information on *Character First* click on the following link:

<http://www.characterfirst.com/education>



September: ATTENTIVENESS - Giving all your attention to the speaker

September 8 - I Will look at people when they speak to me.

September 14 - I Will keep my eyes, ears, hands, feet, and mouth from distractions.

September 21 - I Will ask questions.

September 28 - I Will sit or stand straight.

October: ORDERLINESS - Keeping things in order

October 5 - I Will pick up after myself.

October 12 - I Will keep my work and play area neat.

October 19 - I Will put things where they belong.

October 26 - I Will use things for their intended purpose.

November: RESPONSIBILITY - Knowing and doing what is expected of us

November 2 - I Will do my work to the best of my ability.

November 9 - I Will not make excuses.

November 16 - I Will make things right when I do wrong.

December: TRUTHFULNESS - Telling the truth - not cheating or stealing

December 1 - I Will tell the truth.

December 7 - I Will not cheat or steal.

December 14 - I Will admit it when I am wrong.

January: DETERMINATION - To complete goals against obstacles

January 11 - I Will set goals.

January 18 - I Will ignore distractions.

January 25 - I Will face problems head-on

February: THOROUGHNESS - To finish a task with good effort.

February 1 - I Will finish what I start.

February 8 - I Will clean up along the way.

February 15 - I Will pay attention to details.

March: SELF-CONTROL - Doing what is right

March 1 - I Will walk away from things that are not right.

March 22 - I Will control my temper.

April: DEPENDABILITY - Doing what you say you will do

April 5 - I Will keep my word.

April 12 - I Will be careful what I promise.

April 19 - I Will correct my mistakes.

April 26 - I Will pull my share of the load.

May: OBEDIENCE - Cheerfully following directions.

May 3 - I Will obey authorities immediately.

May 10 - I Will have a cheerful attitude.

May 17 - I Will go the extra mile.