

November - Responsibility

The Isabella County CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition wants you to know that November is the month that we celebrate having RESPONSIBILITY. Please add one of the statements below to your daily PA announcements. They may be used in any order. Below is suggested language for incorporating the statement, but please feel free to introduce and expand on the statement in a way that has meaning for you and your students. They also make excellent additions to newsletters, flyers, and other printed materials that go to students, parents, or up for public display.

Example: "Always be respectful, caring, responsible, fair and trustworthy. Tell your friends to do the same. November is a month that we celebrate responsibility"

1. Responsibility is the thing many people dread most. Yet it is the one thing in the world that develops us, gives us the fiber of manhood or womanhood. *-Frank Crane*
2. Cowardice asks the question: Is it safe? Consensus asks the question: Is it popular? Conscience asks the question: Is it right? *-Martin Luther King, Jr.*
3. The place to improve the world is first in one's own heart and head and hands. *Robert M. Pirsig*
4. In the long run, we shape our lives and we shape ourselves. The process never ends until we die. And the choices we make are ultimately our responsibility. *Eleanor Roosevelt*
5. *Baseball player Roger Maris* said – "You win not by chance but by preparation." Every time you study, practice or do what it takes to get ready for a test, game, or production, you're living up to the pillar of responsibility
6. A wish is a desire, not an attempt. Don't just hope for things to get better, take action yourself so that your wish or hope comes true.
7. "It's the action, not the fruit of the action that's important... It may not be in your power, may not be in your time, that there'll be any fruit. But that doesn't mean you stop doing the right thing. You may never know what results come from your action. But if you do nothing, there will be no result." *--Mohandas Gandhi*
8. *From Michael Jordan* – "I've missed more than 9,000 shots in my career. I've lost almost 300 games. Twenty-six times I've been trusted to take the game-winning shot and missed. I've failed over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed."
9. "Success on any major scale requires you to accept responsibility . . . In the final analysis, the one quality that all successful people have is the ability to take on responsibility."— *Michael Korda*
10. "True independence and freedom can only exist in doing what's right." - *Brigham Young*
11. If you take responsibility for yourself you will develop a hunger to accomplish your dreams.
12. "It is the greatest of all mistakes to do nothing because you can only do a little. Do what you can."
—*Sidney Smith*
13. Don't give up!
14. "Our privileges can be no greater than our obligations." —*John F. Kennedy, Jr.*
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16. "Great works are performed not by strength, but by perseverance." —*Samuel Johnson*
17. "Hold yourself responsible for a higher standard than anyone else expects of you. Never excuse yourself." —*Henry Ward Beecher*
18. "Whatever is worth doing at all, is worth doing well." —*Phillip Stanhope*
19. "You must be the change you wish to see in the world." —*Mahatma Gandhi*
20. "There is no substitute for hard work." —*Thomas Edison*
21. Part of being responsible means remembering to think before you act.
22. Don't blame others or make excuses for their actions.
23. Be careful about the choices you make because everything you say and do makes a difference.
24. Set realistic goals for yourself and then work to make them happen.
25. Be rational – think about actions before you carry them out.
26. Being responsible means always be prepared for class.
27. Think of what you can do to make situations better.
28. Being responsible means being in charge of our own choices.

29. Responsibility requires us to recognize that what we do and even what we don't do has an effect on those around us.