Valencia Values for a Positive Learning Community

Valencia Elementary faculty and staff have high expectations that each and every child will develop into a responsible citizen. This process begins with developmentally appropriate rules of behavior that all students can understand and follow. Logical and consistent consequences are then applied when the rules are not followed. Students at Valencia are encouraged to develop self-discipline, responsibility and good citizenship in any situation or incident by asking themselves four questions:

- Is it respectful?
- Is it responsible?
- Is it kind?
- Is it my best effort?

The question format allows for critical thinking and reflection on the part of students and is open ended enough to address any inappropriate behavior. In addition, we teach students the Levels of Responsibility and how to identify which level an action or attitude reflects. We expect all children and adults at Valencia to take responsibility for their actions and be held accountable. It is our expectation that all students follow rules and strive to achieve the behavior standards. In the event a student's behavior escalates to a level in which the principal is called to intervene, students will be asked to complete a written form about the behavior, and a parent will be notified by letter or phone of the incident and consequence.

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PLEASE RETURN THIS TEAR-OFF SIGNATURE SECTION AND RETURN TO SCHOOL BY THIS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st, TO BE ENTERED IN A SPECIAL SEA STAR DRAWING!

My child and I have read and discussed the Valencia Values. We will do our best to help ensure a positive and safe learning environment by following the school rules and bringing our best selves to Valencia each school day.

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Signature of Parent / Guardian Date

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Name and Signature of Child

Teacher
As a student at Valencia I will do my best to honor the

Valencia Values of Respect, Responsibility, Kindness, and Best Effort.

I come to school prepared and ready to learn, play, and be a good friend.
I take care of my belongings.
I do my best in class and try to learn from my mistakes.
I follow the lunchtime and playground rules.
I accept responsibility for my words and actions in and out of class.
I respect myself and show the same respect for everyone else.
I try not to say or do an unkind thing.

I follow directions or raise my hand to ask questions.
I listen to others until they are finished speaking.
I use kind and helpful words when it’s my turn to talk.
I respect the way my classmates learn and help them when I can.
I show respect for their bodies and belongings.
I treat others the way I want to be treated.
I help take care of what belongs to the school.
I keep the classroom clean.
I pick up trash when I see it.
I reduce, reuse, and recycle.
I celebrate everyone’s efforts, big and small.
As parents and family members at Valencia we will do our best to honor the Valencia Values of Respect, Responsibility, Kindness, and Best Effort.

We send our child to school on time, prepared and ready to learn.
We plan ahead with our child by providing or making arrangements for a snack and a lunch, returning permission slips on time, confirming after school activities, making appointments outside school hours, and arriving on time at the end of the day to pick up our child.
We stay informed about school matters by reading school newsletters, checking the school website and reading other correspondence in our student's take home folder.
We learn and respect school rules.
We actively encourage our child to complete homework and meet reading goals.
We volunteer our time in whatever way we can.
We recognize the potential effect of our words and actions on children.
We support the learning process and refrain from interrupting class.
We keep classroom calls and messages to and from our child to a minimum.
We remain in the audience throughout all school performances.
We participate fully when we volunteer; we socialize with other parents at other times.
We sign in when we arrive on campus.
We respect and protect the confidentiality of what occurs in the classroom.
We show respect for and support each child's efforts in class and on the playground.
We try to settle conflicts with kind and constructive speech.
We refer our issues with another child to the teacher or principal to resolve.
We work with our students to keep our classroom and campus clean.
We refrain from using cell phones while volunteering in classrooms.
We support school efforts to reduce, reuse, and recycle.
We celebrate our efforts, big and small.

We understand that our children learn from what we do and that it takes the efforts of everyone to make Valencia a positive learning community for our children.