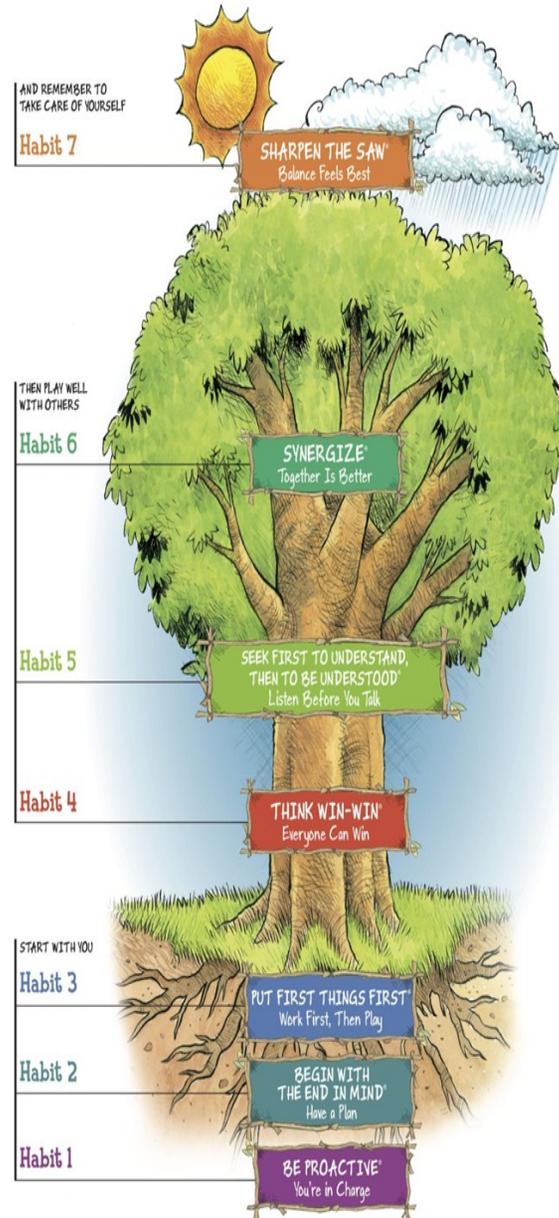


## How can I apply these habits at home?

- Discuss how your family is already using the 7 habits.
- Use the 7 Habits language at home, i.e. "How could this be a win-win situation?" or "Did you listen and seek to understand what your sister was saying?"
- Consider your child's strengths and weaknesses with the 7 Habits. Discuss these and set goals. . . . .
- Begin with the End in Mind and make a family mission statement.
- Model the habits, i.e. write out agendas and to-do lists. (Put first things first) Work together to complete a chore. (Synergize)
- Look for opportunities to discuss the 7 Habits in everyday life.
- Check out the 7 Habits website at [www.theleaderinme.org](http://www.theleaderinme.org)
- Look at our LME website for more 7 Habits Information as it relates to our school. <http://lmes.lexington1.net:8031/>

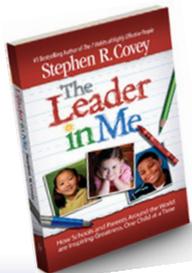
### The 7 Habits® Tree



### Our Leadership Model

Lake Murray Elementary

....A Leader in Me School



## Frequently Asked Questions

Today's students need the skills and self-confidence to succeed as leaders in the 21st Century. They need to be able to communicate clearly, to work as a team, to be self-motivated and analytical thinkers. Our students need the organizational and technical skills to compete in a global society. We believe it is our responsibility to develop our young students as leaders by providing them with the soft-skills that will allow them to handle themselves in any given situation.

Our teachers and staff are trained on Stephen Covey's *7 Habits of Highly Effective People*. Our teachers have worked to introduce the 7 Habits to your children, and we will continue to emphasize these habits in our daily learning. Schools that have implemented this model have seen improvements in student achievement, decreases in student discipline referrals, and increases in levels of accountability and engagement among everyone.

Our goal is to create leaders that are safe, respectful and responsible. We want to create leaders that are active and engaged in learning in order to be the 21<sup>st</sup> century learners that our society demands. Parents across America and nations abroad are raving on the impact this approach has had with their children. Business communities are excited that elementary schools are concerned about building future leaders. The 7 Habits gives us a common language built on proven principle-based leadership skills. We hope that you are as excited about this leadership model as we are. If you're interested in supporting these efforts, please contact me at [dprice@lexington1.net](mailto:dprice@lexington1.net) or at 821-3100. Thank you for your continued commitment to Lake Murray Elementary School.

Devona L. Price

### Is this really appropriate for younger students?

Yes! Habits are formed at a young age. By reaching students while they are young, they absorb it more quickly and less time is spent on change. Four and five-year-old students can learn the meaning of **synergize** just as well as a fifth grader. Our younger students spend the majority of their day learning in small groups and figuring out how to work together.

### Are there any middle and/or high schools involved in the initiative?

Our district has a LexLeads initiative that requires a leadership model in all Lexington 1 schools. Our 7 Habits model would certainly be supported in our middle and high schools.

### How do the 7 Habits fit in with the curriculum?

The 7 Habits model fits seamlessly with our curriculum. Guidance standards are aligned with the **7 Habits**. Our teachers are trained on how to embed these Habits throughout the curriculum.

### How will parents be involved?

Parent awareness workshops will be provided in through our Habits at Home Initiative. Information will be communicated to parents on a regular basis about the model. We look forward to much parent and community participation.

### How will the community benefit from this initiative?

Our local businesses realize that their investment *now* will pay off for them in our *future* work force.

### How will you keep parents and the community informed throughout the year?

The LMES website, <http://lmes.lexington1.net:8031/> is a great way for all stakeholders to be involved.

## Our 2012-2013 Leadership Theme, "LMES All Stars are Teaming Up to Live the Seven Habits!"

**Habit 1 -Slam Dunk the Habits...Be Proactive!**

**Habit 2- Hit a Home Run...Begin with the End in Mind!**

**Habit 3- Go for the Goal... Put First Things First!**

**Habit 4 Think Win-Win...It Takes a Team!**

**Habit 5- Seeking First to Understand, then to be Understood is something to cheer about!**

**Habit 6- Huddle-up...It's time to synergize!**

**Habit 7- LME MVPs always Sharpen the Saw!**



**Mark your calendar for  
our Habits at Home Workshops each  
collaborative planning day at  
8:00am. Come learn how the seven  
habits can help you at home too!**

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