

# Honoring Terrific Kids

The Terrific Kids program should be simple and positive. The goal is to honor every student in the class as a Terrific Kid.

No one should be excluded from achieving this recognition.

## Terrific Kids with a Twist!

Here's a different way to administer the program.

If setting goals with each student becomes an issue consider honoring all the students in the class after they have learned and demonstrated the Terrific Kids character traits.

A chart is created listing the character traits at the top and student names on the side. After a student accomplishes the goal of learning about the character trait and demonstrating it's significance he/she receives a star next to the character trait on the chart. The student is honored after learning and demonstrating all the character traits.

Activities to assist with learning the Terrific Kids character traits are included on the resource CD.

## Recognition Party

There are a few ways to honor students as Terrific Kids. A party at the end of the school day, a special Terrific Kids dinner, or a pizza lunch during regular school lunch hours.

Helpful party planning hints are included in the Terrific Kids program guide.

**"To be ready and eager for school learning, children don't need fancy, expensive, educational toys. What they do need is to feel good about who they are and what they can do. They also need to be able to stick to a task, deal with their mistakes, use their imagination, accept rules and limits, be curious about the world around them, and get along with others. These are the readiness tools that will help them be successful learners in the classroom and beyond."**

**Fred Rogers—"Mister Rogers"**

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# What is Terrific Kids?

The Terrific Kids Program is a student recognition program that promotes character development, self-esteem, and perseverance. Students work with their classroom teacher and establish goals to improve behavior, peer relationships, attendance, or schoolwork.

Students are honored after achieving their goal at the end of a specified time period.

## The program is successful because:

- ★ Students learn to set and achieve goals.
- ★ Students compete with themselves, not other students in class.
- ★ Students receive positive recognition for an achievement they took part in selecting.
- ★ The program can be adapted to suit the needs of the school or organization.

## Remember to:

- ★ Post the Terrific Kids poster in your classroom.
- ★ Photograph Terrific Kids and post photos on the Terrific Kid bulletin board.
- ★ Ask your Kiwanis family club for assistance when needed.
- ★ E-mail your success stories to Kiwanis International staff at [terrifickids@kiwanis.org](mailto:terrifickids@kiwanis.org).

# Character Traits!



# Lets Get Started!

## Teacher

- ★ Explain the Terrific Kids program to your students.
- ★ Meet with each student to discuss and select a goal.
- ★ Send a form letter to each parent with a copy of the Terrific Kids flier explaining the program and the goal chosen by their child. (Included on resource CD)
- ★ Complete the goal chart with student's goals. (Included on resource CD)
- ★ Submit your first group of Terrific Kids on (date/day) and each week or month thereafter until the end of the school year.

## Kiwanis

- ★ Provide teacher with form letters & program fliers for parents.
- ★ Secure business sponsor.
- ★ Make a recognition party arrangements.
- ★ Supply signed certificates and awards.
- ★ Photograph Terrific Kids.
- ★ Notify parents of recognition party.
- ★ Decorate the school's bulletin board. with Terrific Kids décor.