Character Education is not curriculum, rather it is the continual process of coming together as a community to build productive citizens. Here at Clark Elementary School we are focusing on building our current and future leaders.

Clark LEADS is a program designed to develop important leadership skills in our students that will benefit them throughout their lives. To accomplish this, Clark is using Sean Covey’s *The 7 Habits of Healthy Kids*. Students will be taught the language and empowerment skills to become an active and engaged leader. Each of the 7 habits will focus on a different area of leadership and will be reinforced throughout the year.

**Habit #1 - Be Proactive**

I can have a “Can Do” attitude. I choose my actions, attitudes and moods. I don’t blame others. I do the right thing without being asked, even when nobody is looking.

**Habit #2 - Begin With the End in Mind**

I plan ahead and set goals. I do things that have meaning and make a difference. I am an important part of my classroom. I look for ways to be a good citizen.

**Habit #3 - Put First Things First**

I spend my time on things that are most important. This mean I should say no to things I should not do. I set priorities, make a schedule and follow my plan. I am organized.

**Habit #4 - Think Win-Win**
I want everyone to be a success. I don't have to put others down to get what I want. It makes me happy to see other people happy. I like to do nice things for others. When a problem comes up, I help think of ways to solve it. We can all win!

Habit #5 - Seek First to Understand, then to be Understood

I listen to others' ideas and feelings. I try to see things from their viewpoints. I listen to others without interrupting. I am confident in voicing my ideas.

Habit #6 - Synergize

I get along well with others, even people who are different from me. I work well in groups. I seek out other ideas to solve problems. I know that “two heads are better than one.” I am a better person when I let other people into my life and work.

Habit #7 - Sharpen the Saw

I take care of my body by eating right, exercising, and getting sleep. I spend time with my family and friends. I learn in lots of ways and lots of places.