

# Core Essentials Curriculum

*Core Essentials* uses the common language of a monthly value word and its life application to teach the Big 3:

1. To treat others right
2. To make smart decisions
3. To maximize potential.

## 5K

- Students will be able to repeat the value word and its definition each month
- Students will be able to demonstrate understanding of the value word through application to examples in the school setting

## 1st/2nd Grades

- Students will be able to repeat the value word and its definition each month
- Students will be able to recognize the value when they see it in nature through the animal of the month
- Students will be able to demonstrate understanding of the value through application to examples in the school setting and community settings

## 3rd/4th Grades

- Students will be able to define the value in their own words each month
- Students will be able to recognize the value when they see it in nature through the animal of the month
- Students will be able to explain why the value is important in both the school and community settings
- Students will be able to generate examples and know how to live out the value within their personal/social relationships and academic life
- Students will be able to see how the value contributes to one or more of the big 3: treating others right, making smart decisions, or maximizing potential

## **September**

*Responsibility:* Proving you can be trusted with what is expected of you

- Animal: Rooster

## **October**

*Courage:* Being brave enough to do what you should, even if you are afraid

- Animal: Mongoose

## **November**

*Honor:* Letting someone know that you see how valuable they really are

- Animal: Narwhal

## **December**

*Joy:* Finding a way to be happy even when things don't go your way

- Animal: Cardinal

## **January**

*Knowledge:* Discovering something new, so you can be better at whatever you do

- Animal: Owl

## **February**

*Respect:* Showing others they are important by what you say and do

- Animal: Wolf

## **March**

*Forgiveness:* Deciding that someone who has wronged you doesn't have to pay

- Animal: Salamander

## **April**

*Humility:* Putting others first by adjusting what you think you deserve

- Animal: School of Herring

## **May**

*Determination:* Deciding it's worth it to finish what you've started

- Animal: Penguin