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**
*Determinations*: Deciding it’s worth it to finish what you’ve started
  - Animal: Penguin