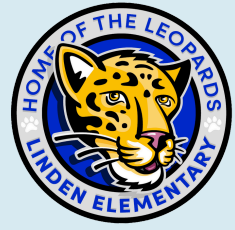


# SWPBIS

## Linden Elementary School



### Monthly Winner - Linden Leading Leopard

After each weekly drawing, all PAWs are emptied into our school-wide bin. Once a month, one of these PAWs is randomly drawn to choose the monthly winner of our Linden Leading Leopard t-shirt. The t-shirt was designed by fifth and sixth grade students last spring. Only ten students throughout the school year are chosen as winners of this special prize.



December's Linden Leading Leopard was Niloufar (Nila) Tabatabai in Mrs. Perry's 1st grade class. Nila earned her winning PAW for displaying Core 4 values through COOPERATION. Nila upholds the Core 4 on a daily basis by being kind, helpful, and patient. Way to go, Nila!

### Core 4 Conversations

As part of SWPBIS, Linden Elementary School students will consistently be reminded of the following school-wide expectations: respect, responsibility, cooperation, and citizenship. This month, take an opportunity to talk to your child about **cooperation**. What does cooperation look like in school? What does cooperation sound like in school? Are there different expectations around cooperative behavior in school versus at home?

## Developing a Cooperative Spirit

Our Linden Leopards use cooperation to navigate both academic and social settings throughout the school day. We ask students to follow these cooperative expectations at Linden: Be an active participant in the classroom, raise hands to speak, take turns with peers, and help others when possible.



To develop a cooperative spirit in children, help them to understand how working together and following directions can benefit everyone.

**Encourage working together with friends and family.** Working together as a team during a game night is a fun way to foster cooperation, as well as to practice turn taking. Working together can be practiced on a larger scale through local community service projects.

**Complete chores together.** Together you can set the table, clean up toys, or wash the car. Take an opportunity to point out the advantages of cooperating. "Look how quickly we were able to get that job done!"

**Actively support your child in the act of compromising.** Look for opportunities in real time to help your child practice flexibility and creative compromise. Children may find cooperation especially difficult if they do not understand compromising as a problem-solving skill.

**Offer appropriate choices while still maintaining a rule or directive.** Allow your child to choose the location or timing of a task. Offering choices also shows your child respect, and respect creates a sense of collaboration.

*This article was adapted from the following link:*

<https://www.pbs.org/parents/thrive/tips-on-helping-your-child-learn-to-cooperate>