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UNIT THREE >>> YOU FIRST

Dear MCES Families,

This week marks the beginning of unit three of the Friendzy program. This unit's Catchphrase is "**You First.**" Students are learning the importance of considering the needs of others, not just their own needs. We will discuss and dive into God's Word to discover the plan God has laid out for us to live in agreement with others—to think of the needs of others before we think of ourselves!

Catchphrase (main point for students to catch on to):
"You First"

Key Verses (Biblical anchor points):

"Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose. Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be

humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had." Philippians 2:2-5

"So the last will be first, and the first will be last." Matthew 20:16

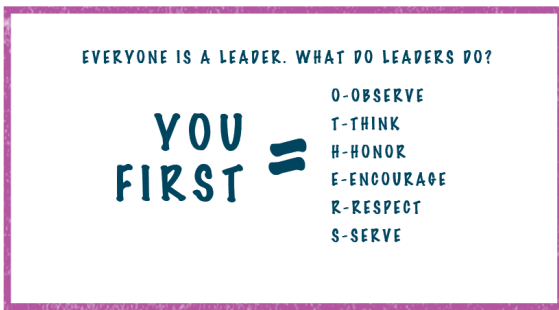
Goal: To consider the needs of others before my own.

Continue the Conversation (discuss the following points at home)

1. **God's Word challenges us not to be selfish.** This idea is not natural for us. We usually think of ourselves first. Thinking of others first is a life skill that equips us for real and long-lasting relationships.
2. **Don't only look out for your own interest.** It's not that we can't have needs; it's that we need to consider the needs of others as well as our own.
3. **Look out for the interest of others.** True joy comes from true happiness, and joy comes from practicing "You First."

HOW TO PUT OTHERS FIRST /// The truth revealed in the Scripture found in Philippians 2:2-5 is profound and the opposite of the strategies the world provides us to "get ahead." All of us can be selfish. It's human nature to think of ourselves first. The Bible reminds us that Jesus wants us to think of others first. In the classroom this year, students are practicing the opposite of being selfish. They are learning to think of other people first.





O.T.H.E.R.S. = You First. In this unit, your student has learned what the acrostic **O.T.H.E.R.S.** stands for: **Observe, Think, Honor, Encourage, Respect, and Serve.** As parents, we encourage you to build on the momentum of what your students are learning at school and apply it in practical ways at home.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE /// A suggestion of how to continue the conversation that began in the classroom is by posing this simple question to your student: *"What are some ways that we can practice*

not being selfish around the house?" We anticipate that the responses to this question will open up meaningful and honest dialogue among your family members. What a powerful opportunity for your child to share with you what they are learning and put it into practice! When students learn friendships, they learn it for life, including the friendships they share with each member of your family.

Over the next few weeks, we hope your student will begin to use this unit's Catchphrase: **"You First."**

FEEDBACK IS ENCOURAGING /// I'd love to hear feedback on how Friendly conversations are helping your student!

When kids learn friendship, they learn it for life!

Blessings,

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