

Jefferson Elementary Pupils Prove 'Character Counts'

WESTFIELD - Students at Jefferson Elementary School in Westfield celebrated their 2002-2003 school theme, "Character Counts" during an assembly on October 25. The children began the assembly with a pledge to be students of good character.

Jean Munoz, Jefferson School Principal, spoke to the children about the importance of one's actions and how they can make a difference.

The students learned new songs written by Karen Yula, one of Jefferson's music teachers. They sang about the value of being respectful, kind, helpful, truthful, responsible and caring.

The theme will be incorporated into many activities throughout the year. Mrs. Munoz begins each day with

inspiring announcements that help build good character.

A bulletin board has been decorated in the main hallway at the school for teachers to recognize and honor students who display acts of kindness. It will help to remind them of the many positive ways they can demonstrate good character.

The students are also involved in a number of service projects, such as sending care packages to Armed Forces members and the homeless. They plan to construct a Kindness Quilt and a photo scrapbook of character-based activities will be compiled and displayed throughout the year.

"Character Counts" will also be part of the students' reading and writing programs.



BUILDING CHARACTER... Jefferson Elementary School students gathered at an assembly to introduce their 2002-2003 theme, "Character Counts." The Parent-Teacher Organization provided blue Jefferson Jaguars T-shirts for all students, teachers and members of the administration.



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