

Sept. 2018 Principal's Message-Do Hard Things

Dear Terra Linda Families,

Welcome back to school. I missed you this summer. I hope this letter finds you all ready, charged and sparked for a new school year. **I wholeheartedly believe in you as parents and students.** This month we are talking about doing hard things. There are many things in life that require hard work and effort. But, I know that every bit of time students put into their own learning is worth that effort and hard work. Students have the capacity to assess and progress their own learning.

As a child growing up I had a very low self-esteem. This did not stop the charge I had inside me though. I always knew that one day I would fulfill the measure of my capacity. How did I get there? A lot of hard work and effort. At times it was very discouraging, and I wanted to give up. However, I had some amazing people around me to help support me.

Terra Linda Elementary, staff, teachers, and administration are committed to supporting students in every way they need to be supported. We desire for **all** of our students to develop confidence and learn that even though a difficult task might seem impossible, it is more satisfying to endure to the end and complete the task. Often, as we continue trying, our ability to perform increases.

I ask that you never give up, persevere, take courage, dream out loud, and do the hard things that it takes get there. The skills that your students will be working on this month and year are: trying again and again, hard things make your brain stretch, don't settle for easy, hard work is meaningful, practice makes hard things easier, believing in yourself, being positive even when the task is difficult.

Have a fantastic year and always ask yourself, ***What Is Possible?***

Sincerely,

Karen Gorringer,
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