

## **Color The World With Character!**

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Teachers are always looking for ways to make solid home-to-school connections, so when Color the World With Character came up as a CC! Week theme, we thought that this would give parents/guardians the perfect opportunity to let us know how their child demonstrates good character. What makes him or her unique? How does he or she share those unique gifts with others? What does he or she do that makes the world a better place? Which Pillar is your child best at and why?

We created the template bordered with the Pillar words to send home so “parents/guardians can write (or draw) ways in which their child shines as he/she colors the world with character.”

Our hope is to get little anecdotes about something their child has done or does habitually to put the Six Pillars of Character into action.

At school, share these with class families in morning meetings all week, then post them on bulletin boards or classroom doors to visibly share our colors with the school family.

A terrific follow-up would be to send home CC! flower-seeded bookmarks (available in the store at [www.CharacterCounts.org](http://www.CharacterCounts.org)) so that families can plant seeds of character and watch them grow together.

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Dear parent/guardian(s),

How does your child color the world with character? This year as we celebrate National CHARACTER COUNTS!/Red Ribbon Week, we're hoping that you can provide us with some examples of what character looks like in your child's world. Please use the space below to tell us (or show us!) how your child puts our Six Pillars of Character into action, then detach it and return it to your child's teacher so that we can celebrate him or her with you! The Six Pillars of Character are: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship.

As always, thank you for your partnership!



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