



MISSION VIEJO COMMUNITY OF CHARACTER COMMITTEE

“Tutoring with Character”

OVERVIEW

The youth members of the Mission Viejo COC Committee see the challenges elementary school students and their parents face with virtual instruction. We want to offer a free of cost avenue for those students and parents to seek help with core subjects.

Rationale

According to the eLearning industry, students face challenges with virtual learning in the following areas:

- Adaptability
- Technical Issues
- Computer Literacy
- Time Management
- Self-Motivation

Our Proposal

We want to offer “Tutoring with Character”, a consistent, highly motivated avenue for Mission Viejo elementary school students and their parents to seek help with core subjects, computer literacy, and possibly technical issues.

The Opportunity

Allow youth members to demonstrate the character traits of integrity, service, citizenship, responsibility, respect, and caring to solve community needs.

- Need #1: Timely personal and fun instruction for elementary school students
- Need #2: Assistance via virtual technologies
- Need #3: Focus on core subjects, computer literacy, and technical issues

The Solution

Develop and promote a "Tutoring with Character" program. Promotion would include Mission Viejo's marquee, Mission Viejo Life, asking Mrs. Kelley to send a flyer to all elementary school principals in Mission Viejo.

- Recommendation #1: 5-10 youth members will provide tutoring from January 6, 2020 through March 24, 2021 (end of 2nd progress period). Evaluate on March 17, 2021 to determine whether to extend beyond March, 2021 and also consider whether it's possible to provide in-person, safe tutoring that follows protocols.
 - **Eligibility:** Open to students and/or their parents in Mission Viejo from grades 1 through 5. They would contact Community of Character Tutoring at tutoringofcharacter@gmail.com to express interest. When students sign-up, the adult/parent would send the child/children's name, grade and subject. The parents would need to sign a waiver, and then she would send them a link to use to enter tutoring sessions.
 - **One Hour Time Slots:** Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 - **Number of Tutors:** 5-10
 - **Legal Holidays:** No tutoring on Martin Luther King Jr (January 18), No tutoring on Presidents' Day (February 15)
- Recommendation #2: Use Zoom (to be provided by Mr. Yee) and its Breakout Rooms feature to allow tutors to customize instruction either for individuals or small groups, depending on demand
- Recommendation #3: Subjects: Math, English, Social Studies, Science

We anticipate spending some time during the first session with students or parents on their technical issues and computer literacy with tools such as Word, Excel, Google Docs, Canvas.

EXPECTED RESULTS

Elementary school students and their parents will adapt better to virtual learning. They will better handle technical issues, gain computer literacy, and either get back on track or stay on track in their core subjects. They will develop a routine that develops better time management. All of this should improve confidence and self-motivation.

CONCLUSION

Our committee exists "To create a positive environment in our community by using a framework that builds good character values and assets, thereby making Mission Viejo a stronger, healthier and safer community." Community of Character Committee members will demonstrate many of our character traits, learn how to empathize with younger students and parents, and improve interpersonal skills. This approach will keep younger students and tutors healthy and safe during this COVID-19 pandemic.