



Semillas de Amor

Sharing Love, Instilling Values, and Creating Bright Futures

Semillas de Amor Values

Instilling values in our children is one of our main duties as their caretakers. It is a well-known fact that the values learned in childhood remain forever and help one to handle difficult situations easily and systematically. There are numerous examples of great people who give due credit of their success to their inherited values.

The task of instilling values is essential for children's academic and professional excellence and making them a good citizen of their country and the world. The values such as honesty, compassion, confidence, integrity, educational values, sincerity, politeness and patience can help in all aspects of life. These values enable a person to distinguish between good and bad, create an impression wherever they go, and act as a foundation for a happy, fulfilled, and successful life.

At Semillas de Amor we follow a value model called the Six Pillars of Character which includes: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Compassion and Citizenship.

Semillas de Amor- Six Pillars of Character

Trustworthiness

- I do not steal
- I do not lie
- I am an honorable person

Respect

- I treat everyone with respect
- I treat everyone equally
- I embrace differences
- I treat others with dignity
- I remember to say please and thank you
- I use good manners
- I help others
- I do not bully anyone
- I never demean others
- I respect my body and appearance

Citizenship

- Caring for our world, my country, my community is my responsibility
- I ask myself what can I do to help?

Responsibility

- I am responsible for my actions
- Failure is not an option and I learn from my mistakes
- People count on me and I follow through with my commitments
- I keep my word
- I show up prepared

Fairness

- I help others overcome obstacles
- I do not cheat
- I am a good sport

Compassion

- I show love, concern and respect for all living things, humans, animals, the earth
- I believe in "paying it forward" and caring for others less fortunate
- I look out for others, I don't turn a blind eye to problems



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Our Values In Action

The Kids at Semillas Pay it Forward

Our children's home is located in a rural area. The traffic is generally horses and cows passing by. There are many children who, rather than go to school, work in the fields and carry heavy loads of fire wood on their backs. All of these children suffer from chronic malnutrition. Their bodies and minds are slowly starving to death. During the year our children put away toys, stuffed animals, and school supplies for our Christmas gift give away on December 23rd. They wrap gifts all year long. We also gave away toothbrushes and toothpaste and food.

It is important for children to learn to give back, to share and to have compassion for those less fortunate. When our kids "Pay it Forward" it truly is a high point in our Christmas celebration.



Reforestation and Semillas de Amor

The Semillas kids had the opportunity to join a reforestation program and plant trees in San Antonio Aguas Calientes. Giving back to, respecting, and caring for nature are important habits for kids to learn early. And it has been proven that children that play in nature are happier, healthier, and more socially adept.

Semillas de Amor and Create Peace Project



The kids participated in a Global Peace Exchange where they received messages of peace from children in Ohio and created messages of peace for children of India. The cards they created were beautiful. During the exercise the children sat in silence, asked what peace meant to them, and shared their messages of peace with the group.