Character Education Theme May: Honesty
Honesty is an admirable trait that requires one to speak and act truthfully to their own beliefs.

A Chinese Folk Story about Honesty – The Empty Pot
A long time ago in China, there was an Emperor who was old and had no children. He needed to find someone to replace his role as Emperor. The Emperor always loved his garden and decided that the next Emperor would be decided by a child who could grow the best flower from a special seed. The Emperor would choose the best flower after 3 months. All the children of China came to the palace to receive the special seed to plant.

Among the children was a boy named Ping, he was the best gardener in all the kingdom. He thought with his experience he could surely win the contest. When he came back home with the Emperor’s seed, he carefully planted the seed into a pot of rich soil. Watered and cared for the seed for weeks, but nothing happened. Ping looked throughout the neighborhood and saw that other children’s flowers were growing but his wasn’t. He transferred the seed to a new pot and with new soil. Still it would not grow. All the other children laughed that his flower was not growing. This made Ping lose hope.

The day finally came to present the flower. Ping was sad that he could not get his flower to bloom but he still took the pot with the Emperor’s seed to the palace. When all the children had arrived, the Emperor looked at all of the flowers and then finally came to Ping’s pot. The Emperor had a curious look on his face and asked “What is your name and why did you bring me an empty pot?” Ping was sad and looked to the ground and said “My name is Ping. I’m sorry Emperor. I tried and tried to grow the seed you gave me, but nothing grew.” The Emperor smiled and announced “All of China, let me introduce to you the new Emperor of China! For the seeds I had given each child was boiled and would not grow into a flower. Ping will be a great Emperor because he is honest and noble person.” When the Emperor passed away, Ping took his place as the new Emperor of China and was an honest Emperor.

The End

Announcing our New Principal, Theresa Jackson
On May 14th, it was announced publicly in Saint Paul Public Schools that Theresa Jackson, will be our New Principal for the years to come.

In addition to her time as an Assistant principal for many buildings, Terri also been a Restorative Practice Project Coordinator at Riverview West Side School of Excellence leading the implementation of Restorative Practices for their school. Her experience and knowledge of RP will continue to help guide our Restorative Practice journey for the coming years.

Please help us in welcoming Terri Jackson into her role as the Principal of Nokomis Montessori North!

Our Nokomis community agrees and commits to be in good relationship with students and parents by:
- Seeing the whole child with empathy and respect;
- Teaching children emotional literacy, self-regulation and the power of their voice;
- Amplifying and centering parent and family voice;
- Being adult leaders and guides for Nokomis expectations and values.

These are some of the ideas that our school plans to focus on for next year. We hope to continue building strong relationships between parents and staff to ensure that all students receive the learning they need.

We are grateful for parent leadership in our building and welcome feedback to learn how we can continue supporting your family’s needs.

If you are interested in participating in more conversations about our school climate or are interested in volunteering. Please attend our monthly NCAT meetings. Please attend our Fall meeting to vote which days NCAT would work best for you. (Snacks, language interpretation, and child care provided)

We look forward to seeing you all next year at our Open House! Have a great Summer!