

“If”
Miss Lenahan’s Fourth Grade Class Poem
Spring 2022

inspired by “If” by Rudyard Kipling

Each student was given a Haverford virtue that they have strongly exemplified throughout their fourth grade year. Using repetition and rhyme scheme, each student wrote a four-line stanza to share advice on how to lead a life aligned their given virtue.

Jake: Friendship	If someone is down, Don't stand and watch, be a good friend. Even if you don't get a crown, It is still the right thing to attend.
Trace: Loyalty	If you stay loyal and true, Be a friend that others can trust. It is a very important virtue, Being loyal is a must.
Nate: Honesty	If you are honest and true, You will be a trustworthy friend. Always be truthful in what you do, You won't have to pretend.
Marshall: Creativity	If you can show creativity, you don't have to be a detective, You can just be unique, And look for new perspectives. To show creativity, there is no set technique.
Cole: Perseverance	If you strike out, step back up to the plate, If you can keep moving, keep moving. If you can make something better, make it great. If you can keep improving, keep improving.
Mahad: Selflessness	If you think of another more than you, And treat all people with respect, You will be a very good man, it's true. Selflessness is cause and effect.
TJ: Scholarship	If you strive for more no matter what, If you always work hard and keep on learning, With things you don't know, trust your gut. Scholarship is your yearning.

Zack: Humility	If you can accept something being humble, If you can feel good everyday, You don't have to grumble. You can be happy in your own way.
Derrick: Dependability	If others can depend on you, And you are always steady, They can always count on you Dependability is always being ready.
George: Teamwork	If you can play well with a team, And support your fellow brothers, You can accomplish whatever you dream, And be a role model for others.
James: Respect	If you treat others, The way you want to be treated, You will love each other like you're brothers. And you won't be mistreated.
Will: Compassion	If you understand compassion, Then you are gold. If you show compassion, You will be paid back ten-fold.
Stephen: Leadership	If something is hard for others, then help them. You will be a leader and that's what they do. If you can lead you will be as bright as a gem. And others will look up to you.
Finn: Integrity	If you show integrity all of the time, That means you do what's right when no one is looking. Showing integrity is just fine, Keep on showing integrity by pushing.
Mason: Confidence	If you love who you are, and stay true to yourself, believe that you will go far, and no one can put you on a shelf.