

Blue Ridge is my home and at Blue Ridge people are kind, brave, and helpful and respectful. Ok sometimes we might have some forks in the road but we overcome our challenges and think of our problems or weaknesses as a chance to grow our brains. So I would welcome everyone into our home.

First, lots of people are kind at our school, like if you were a new student you would get greeted by some students from peer model and give you a tour of the school. Also on trash day our school goes and picks up, so not only are blue jays kind to people but also kind to the earth. One of our main words at Blue Ridge is Lead. When you are kind to one person, you lead them to go be kind to someone else. Then when everybody does it, the whole world will be filled with kindness and the kindness might even come back to you.

Second, you might think that being brave is climbing a mountain or going on a deadly quest to go get some treasure. It can also be something small like trying something new like two digit multiplication or playing with someone that you don't know and that's exactly what we do at blue ridge. When you try something new it is a risk you take to see if you like it or dislike it. Another word that Blue Ridge loves is Believe. You believe that you can do something great. When you believe you say positive things to yourself and focus on the good. Mistakes are okay because you can learn from them and do better next time.

Third, being helpful is a very good trait because when you are helpful you help out instead of being a bump on a log. Your teacher might ask you to do a favor for her and that's the least you could do, especially since all the teachers work so hard. At Blue Ridge we are helpful to the janitor. We can earn the golden spoon, which is when you have been very clean and helpful by cleaning up your mess and keeping the lunchroom nice. We pick up the paper towels in the bathroom also so the janitor doesn't have to pick it up. The word inspire is also a word

that we like at blue ridge. When I am with my friends we are helpful by being quiet and work together, so the class can learn. We inspire our friends to keep trying and help them so they get it right the next time.

Last, but definitely not least is respectful. This one is one of the greatest words ever. If you are respectful you don't ruin other people's things, you listen when someone is talking, and you use your teachers materials nicely. When you are respectful more people want to be around you. The last word that we use at blue ridge is grow. When you are respectful you are growing as a person.

I have learned so much more since I came to Blue Ridge. I am always excited to be at school. I love seeing my friends and I love my teachers too. Most of all I like being around you.

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