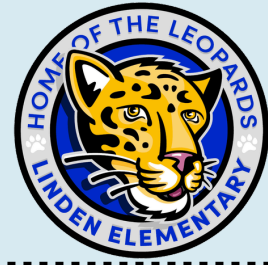


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Linden Elementary School



Monthly Winner - Linden Leading Leopard

After each weekly drawing, all PAWs are emptied into our school-wide bin. Once a month, one PAW from the bin is randomly drawn to determine the monthly winner of our Linden Leading Leopard t-shirt. The t-shirt was designed by previous fifth and sixth grade students. Only nine students throughout the school year are chosen as winners of this special prize.



May's Linden Leading Leopard was Oliver Teeple in Mrs. Vassos' class. Oliver earned his winning PAW for displaying Core 4 values through citizenship. Oliver upholds the Core 4 on a daily basis by helping classmates, being kind and caring, and having a positive attitude each and every day! Way to go, Oliver!

Playtime with Purpose: Nurturing Respect, Responsibility, Cooperation, and Citizenship

Children often struggle when games feel “unfair,” and that’s completely normal. Those moments of frustration are actually valuable opportunities to help them practice emotional regulation and social skills. By guiding children through these experiences, adults can nurture resilience, patience, and empathy, skills that make playtime more enjoyable for everyone.

1. Use Play as a Teaching Tool

- Games naturally create opportunities to talk about fairness, turn-taking, and rules.
- When children become upset, helping them to name their feelings can make them feel understood.

2. Model Fair Behavior

- Show how to wait your turn, follow rules, and handle disappointment.
- Children learn fairness best by watching adults navigate challenges calmly.

3. Support Big Feelings

- Validate emotions (“It’s hard to lose sometimes”).
- Offer coping strategies like deep breaths or taking a short break.

When we help children practice fairness during play, we are doing more than smoothing over tough moments. We are nurturing the respect, responsibility, cooperation, and citizenship that define our Linden community. With a little guidance, every game becomes a chance to grow.

You can read the full article here:

<https://www.pbs.org/parents/thrive/its-more-fun-when-its-fair>