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Leadership Roles at Home

Each new school year brings opportunities for academic growth and growth in all areas of development. Although students must be knowledgeable when they graduate, they must also be healthy, engaged, responsible, and caring people.

One of the best ways to help your student realize their worth and leadership potential is to provide an opportunity to lead. Most *Leader in Me* Schools offer student leadership roles as a way to teach:

- Responsibility
- Leadership
- Contribution

Leadership roles can also be used at home. To begin:

1. Talk with your student about the leadership role he or she might be interested in at home.
2. Discuss why they are interested in the role. Ask what leadership qualities your student has that will help. Ask how he or she will handle homework or other commitments with this new role responsibility.
3. With your student, discuss leadership behaviors and expectations of the role.

Some examples of at-home leadership roles include:

- Gardener: watering and maintaining indoor/outdoor plants
- Technology lead: ensuring all devices are charged and in order
- Floor Leader: ensuring the floors are clean and free of clutter
- Assistant Chef: providing support in the kitchen as needed

Give your student a week or so to adjust and then discuss how it's going. This may open a conversation about how to handle things that are too easy or too difficult. Express appreciation and celebrate success!

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