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Do You Value Values?

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### Tackle, Anyone?

By Leslie Rowe

When Veronica Jimenez finishes eighth grade at **King Middle School**, she'll have learned a few things some college students still have trouble with: balancing a checkbook, managing her time, and planning her busy school schedule—not to mention sewing and cooking! That's because she has been studying Family and Consumer Science in Ms. Torres' class. Because of FACS, Veronica enjoys sewing as a new hobby and used her skills to make gifts for her family at Christmas.



Veronica Jimenez

Veronica made a huge difference in one family's life this Christmas. She played "Secret Santa" and raised money to buy gifts for a five-year-old foster child. Veronica collected over \$80, and had a great time shopping as Secret Santa.

Like most middle school girls, Veronica enjoys the mall and family gatherings. But don't be fooled—this girl is tough! One day she might be sewing, but the next she's outside playing linebacker with her brothers in a rough and tough tackle football game. Touchdown! King Middle School's FACS program and FCCLA organization are preparing students like Veronica to meet their future head on. They're learning time management, financial responsibility, family values, and career skills.

## school biz

### Classroom of the Future

By Leslie Rowe

Millie Torres has planned her career since she was a small child. She always played teacher! She really enjoys Family and Consumer Science (FACS). In fact, she still has her first sewing project: a little two-piece swimsuit created at age nine. Millie is **King Middle School's** advisor for their growing Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) organization. Her enthusiasm and top-notch skills have made her a student favorite, and her FCCLA group is actively having fun. In February, members of the club will compete against other Florida FCCLA groups in *Edible Centerpieces* and *Storytelling*. Good luck to her students!



Millie Torres

One exciting development in Millie's classroom is the transformation to new technology. Her lab is now equipped with an advanced educational system—a new computer lab with modules in topics such as tourism, culinary arts, grooming, childcare, and more. Students will rotate between computer learning and hands-on activities in the room's 5 kitchens and 15 sewing machines. When Millie was nine, did she imagine such a classroom of the future? FCCLA is certainly equipped!

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America and Values

### What are values and why do we need them?

By Julie Gillies

Can you define values? The dictionary puts it this way: "Values are standards, principles or qualities considered worthwhile or desirable." In other words, values are good character traits. Some important values are: *honesty, respect, kindness, generosity, courage, loyalty, responsibility, perseverance, humility, discipline, compassion, and faith*. These values help us all to get along better and help us to practice treating others the way we want to be treated. You may wonder how values can help you or your friendships. Here's an interactive story. Read it, and then choose your ending.

*You're out with a friend at the local putt-putt golf range. The weather is great, you're drinking a soda, and you and your pal are having a great time. Suddenly, you notice that the \$20 bill you had in your back pocket is missing. Panic! That was your hard-earned allowance! You and your friend retrace your steps through the golf range, searching everywhere. Then you decide to separate; you look to the left, while your friend looks to the right. Desperately you search, but your money doesn't seem to be anywhere.*

(Now, choose an ending to the story: **Version A** or **Version B**)

#### Version A:

*You look up, and just beyond a shady tree, you spot your friend bending down to pick something up from the green turf. Glancing around to make sure nobody is watching, he stashes a \$20 bill down his sock. It's obvious that he doesn't plan to give it back. You can hardly believe your eyes! Sadly, you realize that this dishonest friend is no friend at all. You squeeze harder on your golf club, head hung down, preparing for an angry confrontation.*

#### Version B:

*You look up, and just past the fourth tee, you see your friend bending down to pick something up from the green turf. Searching around, he hollers out your name and waves the \$20 bill in the air. "I found it!" he shouts. You run to meet your friend, patting him on the back and jumping up and down. "Thanks!" you exclaim as he hands you the money. "Come on, let's go! Pizza's on me!"*



See the difference? Values matter. Good values will take you far in life. Your future boss will reward honest and hardworking qualities. Your many friends will count on you and trust you. And your family will enjoy being around you. Study good values, learn what they are and what they mean, and put them into practice. You'll be glad you did!

## Discover the Future

All jobs require good values. After all, you wouldn't give your money to a dishonest banker, or call a frightened fireman to put out a fire at your house, would you? Here is a list of jobs where good values can be practiced and even taught to others. Remember, whatever your future, you can be a role model to others if you reflect good values.

- Social Worker
- Teacher
- Nurse
- Doctor
- Psychologist
- Child Care Worker
- Fire Fighter
- Police Officer
- State Trooper
- Homeless Shelter Worker
- Pastor
- Lawyer
- Judge

For more career information see your school counselor and get information on-line at:  
<http://jobstar.org/tools/career/spec-car.cfm>  
 OR  
<http://www.acinet.org/acinet/default.asp>



## explore it

### The Valuable Value Jar

New habits take three weeks to form. Here's a fun family activity that can jumpstart a "valuable" habit. Using a dictionary, look up and write down the definition of these values: *respect, generosity, courage, kindness, discipline, loyalty, compassion, patience, perseverance, responsibility, honesty, and faith*. At the dinner table, talk with your family about what these values mean to you. Which one do you think is the most important? Which ones do you think you need to work on? (No fair pointing out others' faults, either!) Now that you've done the homework, here's the fun part. Using a clean, empty jar with a lid, glue a small piece of paper to the front, and write the following on it:

#### Values:

- Respect
- Generosity
- Kindness
- Courage
- Discipline
- Loyalty
- Compassion
- Patience
- Perseverance
- Responsibility
- Honesty
- Faith



This is your "Value Jar." Get the whole family involved! For the next three weeks, try to "catch" someone doing something good. Every time a member of your family displays any one of these values, place a small amount of money in the jar. You could use a dime, quarter, or even a dollar—this is a family decision! At the end of three weeks, celebrate! Take the money saved up in your Value Jar and go out for ice-cream. And congratulate each other on practicing valuable values!

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- Ballard Elementary Magnet
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- Harlee Middle Magnet
- Johnson Middle Magnet
- Lee Middle Magnet



#### King Middle School



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