



The Leader in Me Family Newsletter



Let's see Mifflin rock with some Family Mission Statements!

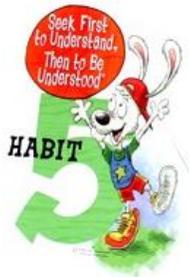
Mission statements have long been a part of organizations; they provide a clear path for what the organization wants to accomplish and how they plan to go about it. *Our Mifflin mission statement is **Lead, Learn, Love – Mifflin!*** Yet, seldom does a family take the time to write a mission statement, and what organization is more important than the family? By establishing who you are as a family, how you want to be known, and how you plan to do it, you are practicing Habit 2: Begin with the End in Mind. The process is a great way to practice all of the 7 Habits.



Each family that writes down their mission statement and returns it to school by Beginning with the end in mind will earn each student in the family 25 points for their house! Mission statements can be turned into the office with each students name at the top.



You might ask why a family mission statement? Good question! By writing a Family Mission Statement, the message to your children is that you family is important – you know what you stand for and how you are going to work together to accomplish it.



Step 1. Ask yourself these 7 questions.

- How do we want our family to be known?
- How do we want to treat each other?
- What is the most important to us as a family?
- What are some of our talents, gifts, and abilities?
- What makes us the happiest and unhappy?
- What kind of home do we want to invite friends to?



Step 2. Write your Family Mission Statement. Consider all four areas:

- Body (health & physical welfare)
- Brain (learning)
- Heart (relationships)
- Soul (inspiration)

Keep it simple, one to two lines, so the youngest family members can memorize it and find it meaningful. Examples, "We are builders..." "No empty chairs..." "To serve others..." "All for one and one for all..."



Step 3. Stay on course.

As parents, you are the role models. Keep smiling and getting back on track.