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OUSD Supe Offers Wise Words for OIS Graduates

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Dr. Carolyn Seaton hadn't been in the job long when she was called upon to speak to students being promoted from Orinda Intermediate School to high school. The new superintendent started with Orinda Union School District on May 2, and was still on what she calls her "Listen and Learn Tour."

Not having a lot of experience with the OUSD, Seaton called in some experts: the 2015-16 kindergarten classes. Going with the supposition that everything you need to know you learn in kindergarten, she asked them to come up with some words of wisdom for the departing eighth graders.

Here is a sample of the advice Dr. Seaton was able to pass along to help the promoted students on their way at Miramonte:

From Del Rey students Claire, Leo, Emery, Gabrielle, Mateo, and Sahana:

Don't be a bully

When someone needs help, don't make fun of them, just help.

Don't look at somebody else's paper. Just ask for help.

Don't take things that are not yours.

From Glorietta students Owen, Daisy, Ariel, Caden, Talia, and Noah:

If you have a problem, don't blame someone else. If you know something was your fault, say "I'm sorry."

Introduce yourself to people you don't know.

If you see a friend who is sad, invite them to play Pokemon. That will cheer them up.

Always be yourself.

Sleepy Hollow students Caden, Chloe, Ally, Mason, Mara, and Lane suggested:

Go to bed at your bedtime.

Don't brag about your work.

Clean up if you make a mess.

Don't get upset if you don't win.

Wagner Ranch students Lucy, Chelsea, Aniek, Maya, and Brian offered:

Don't hurt people.

Be a good friend.

Let everyone play.

When you miss your old school and your teachers, go back and visit once in awhile.

Dr. Seaton congratulated the students on their accomplishments, and exhorted them to bring the same exuberance they had the very first year of school to the first year of high school, adding, "Attitude is everything."

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