

O.W.L. Families



Craig was recognized by the Character Education Partnership (CEP) with a 2013 Promising Practices Award. CEP selected our practice, OWL (Our Wise Learning) Family Time at Craig Elementary, to serve as a model for others to possibly replicate and integrate into their character education initiatives!

Monthly, students meet in K-5 vertical families to instill the **Craig Core Values** in our school and community by completing service learning, incorporating Rachel's Challenge into our daily lives, and fostering a caring community. As **'We Are Family'** by Sister Sledge resonates through the hallway, students transition to their OWL (Our Wise Learning) family meeting spots to start their monthly exploration of core values and character education.

Allowing students to meet with students in different age groups allows them to connect with other students who they might not have before and feel that much more connected to our school. Families stay the same each year to foster a sense of stability and trust within the group (with the exception of outgoing 5th graders and incoming Kindergarten students).

The **core values of respect, responsibility, integrity, caring and empathy** are embedded as students read books, create displays, journal, and participate in service learning activities.