

I WANT TO BE...

Dear Students,

I am excited for you today because today is a new start. As of right now, the things that have been a struggle for you in the past can only help you to answer two questions: What did I learn? and What can I do better for next time? Any kind of thoughts like “I don’t like reading” or “I’m not a good writer” – these aren’t going to help. If you let your failures tell you those things, you are doing failure wrong. I want you to picture taking those kinds of ideas and plucking them from your brain and heart and chunking them into the trash.

Here’s what we’re going to do: brand new school year, brand new thinking. I will be handing you a blank index card on the first day of school. On one side, in nice large letters, I want you to write your name. On the other side I want you to choose **NO MORE THAN THREE** words to describe the person you want to be someday. I’m not looking for a job that you want to have or a description of that job. I’m looking for things that you would hope that your family and friends might say about you when you are not around. I’m looking for words that would answer questions like “What kind of impact do you want to have while you are alive on planet Earth?” or “What kind of person do you want to be remembered as?” That’s what I want you to write on the other side of the index card – in **ONLY** three words or fewer.

You may decorate your words however you wish. You may even print them out and glue them on or paste them from a magazine – the choice is totally yours, but you may not choose more than three words.



**A dream
becomes a goal
when action is
taken toward
achieving it...**

These index cards will be sent home today and will be due on Tuesday, when we will do an in-class activity with them. Thank you, and I look forward to learning which three words you will choose!!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Buttler and Mrs. Key