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*Expect Great Things!*

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Abraham Lincoln taught by example. He stood for what was right, even when others were against him. Abraham Lincoln worked for the people of our country, not the popularity. He worked to meet the needs of all people in America without prejudice. He taught us to do what must be done with loyalty and affection for OUR Country.

Abraham Lincoln's life inspires all of us to continue to fight for freedom and equality for all. At this time in America, there are still many injustices worth fixing. We believe that all Americans, those of today and tomorrow, should accept the message in the Gettysburg address, "It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which those who fought here thus far so nobly advanced." Just as those before us have fought for justice, on the battlefield, in the courtrooms, in the workplace and even in the schools, we too should continue the fight for fairness and justice for all. It is our job to stand for what we know is right even if we stand alone.

With out people like Abraham Lincoln, our world would be totally different. Our message to the next generation is to do what is right for all, not just yourself and work to amaze the world with even the smallest of actions.

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