

## UNION MEMORIAL SCHOOL

# Mission Statement and Shared Vision

#### **Mission Statement**

Union Memorial School provides a safe, caring and dependable environment that guides students towards academic excellence and social responsibility while preparing them for life long learning.

### **Expected Outcomes**

Our expectation is each child will meet grade level expectations as determined by the state of Vermont by demonstrating his/her growth as a literate student in all content areas. We want children to be invested in their learning, willing to take risks, accept challenges and know their own strengths. Children will feel successful when the process is valued as much as the product.

We recognize the social curriculum is as important as the academic curriculum. Our expectation is for students to demonstrate cooperation, assertion, responsibility, empathy and self-control (CARES). We expect students to strive for independence and to be able to solve both academic and social problems. Students will model the principles of our school rules: Be Safe, Be Kind and Do Your Best.

#### **Environment and Climate**

Our vision at Union Memorial School is to build community by fostering positive and respectful relationships with every student, family and educator. Following the Responsive Classroom model we create these relationships by embracing the principles of CARES (cooperation, assertion, responsibility, empathy and self-control).

At Union Memorial School, we appreciate and respect student differences. Our expectation is that every child will experience success. We ensure student achievement in a variety of ways by providing the following:

- best instructional practices in all content areas
- research-based programming
- a variety of student support services (i.e. Special Education, Title I Reading & Title I Math, Guidance, Social Worker, Registered Nurse)

When children feel empowered, successful and respected we have a strong community of learners!