February's Character Strength:



Kindness



The quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate.

Wais' Wisdom: Kindness

• Encouraging kind behavior in schools can make a big difference and is so much more than just a 'nice to have'. Evidence shows that promoting kindness among young people directly reduces disruptive behavior and helps to increase social and emotional well-being.

Suggested kindness activities:

- 1. Everyone writes down his/her name on a scrap of paper, folds it so the name can't be seen and puts it into a box. Everyone picks out a name. The mission is to do one act of kindness for that person during the week. At the end of the week the class talks about the act of kindness they did.
- 2. Start a kindness wall. Ask children to notice acts of kindness done by others around them. On the kindness wall they can post messages, stories, photos, drawings or thank-you notes about kind things people have done for them or kind things they've seen down for others.
- 3. Carrying out kind acts creates a virtuous circle. Have children practice random acts of kindness. It can be anything as long as it brings a smile to the person's face so that the child feels how good it is to do kind things for others.

Kindness Poem

Create a Conspiracy of Kindness Smile at someone Lend a helping hand Affirm someone Send a thank you note Give the gift of music Bake something and share Draw someone a picture Call and check on someone Include someone new Be cheerful.

Kindness Resources

• Fishing with Sam

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xMnx_3BC7EM



• <u>Kid President's 20 Things We</u> <u>Should Say More Often</u>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m5yCOSHeYn4





https://www.cheerios.com/good-goes-round/



Kindness Resources

• Kindness Object Lesson

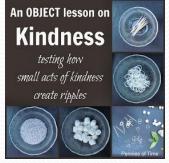
 http://penniesoftime.blogspot.com/2014/01/object-lesson-on-acts-ofkindness.html?m=1

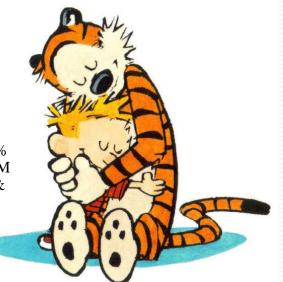


https://www.randomactsofkindness.org/for-educators

• Kindness is huge in the face of emotional intelligence, this is a great <u>"lesson plan" for Kindness</u>.

https://www.edutopia.org/blog/kindness-lesson-plan-rebeccaalber?utm_source=SilverpopMailing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=030117% 20enews%20%20fresh%20starts%20remainder&utm_content=&utm_term=top2&spM ailingID=16676639&spUserID=MzQwMDM0NzU4MzE0S0&spJobID=980077162& spReportId=OTgwMDc3MTYyS0





Wisdom for Your Walls

Kindness is like snow-It beautifies everything it covers.

-KAHLIL GIBRAN

WE DON'T HAVE TO AGREE on anything TO BE KIND TO ONE ANOTHER.

our Daily Encouragement

Wisdom for Your Walls

Kindness comes in many forms but always from the heart.

kindness is a language that the deaf can hear and the blind can see Mark Thain



Give a flower Eat lunch with someone new Listen with your heart Visit a sick friend clean a neighbor's walk Offer a hug Give an unexpected gift Make a new friend Piel of litter Say "hello" Call a lonely student Open a Door Help carry a load Plant a tree Pass a kindness on Share a snack Cheer up a friend Thank a Teacher Lend a hand Read to a young child Do a kind act daily Leave a thank you note Offer your seat Cycle courteously BE TOLERANT Let another go first Bake cookies for firefighters Give a compliment Help a student make friends Assist an adult Give a balloon away Lend a classmate a pencil Celebrate something every day Encourage a friend Respect others Walk a dog Do a favor Forgive mistakes Smile at someone new

www.actsofkindness.org

Kindness Texts

A Sick Day for Amos McGee by Philip C. Stead Do Unto Otters: A Book About Manners Laurie Keller Kindness is Cooler, Mrs. Ruler by Margery Cuyler Those Shoes by Maribeth Boelts Ordinary Mary's Extraordinary Deed by Emily Pearson What Does It Mean To Be Kind? by Rana DiOrio The Last Stop on Market Street by Matt de la Pena Have you Filled a Bucket Today? by Carol McCloud

The Monster Who Lost His Mean by Tiffany Strelitz Good People Everywhere Lynea Gillen How Kind! by Mary Murphy You Go First Mercer Mayer Please Don't Tease Tootsie by Margaret Chamberlain **Best Friends** by Miriam Cohen **Bully Trouble** by Joanna Cole The Paper Crane by Molly Bang How My Parents Learned to Eat by Ina R. Friedman

My Best Friend by Pat Hutchins Stone Soup by Marcia Brown William's Doll by Tomie dePaola Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes **Goggles!** by Ezra Jack Keats Thank you, Mr. Falker by Patricia Polacco Horton Hears a Who! Dr. Seuss Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters by John Steptoe The Other Side by Jacqueline Woodson