



A Note from the School Social Worker

January 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Happy New Year! I hope that you and your family had a happy and healthy holiday season.

This month, we launch the “I am Giving!” portion of the ELC’s “I am Kind! I am Giving! I am Respectful!” Character Education Program.

As with each component of our Character Education Program, each month our students will participate in a different activity to reinforce the character trait we are focusing on. This week, kindergarten students had a virtual assembly where they watched a short video on how to be giving by giving kindness to others, with the message that “Good Spreads when good is spread.” Students were encouraged to be “Caught Being **Giving**” over the next few months. Preschool teachers led small classroom discussions about giving kindness at home and at school. All students created a “sprinkle” for our Sprinkle Kindness Like Confetti bulletin board in the front hallway.

In February, your student will make Valentine’s Day cards to be distributed to nursing home residents. Finally, in March, all of our students will participate in a GIVING compliments classroom activity

Your support of our Character Education Program is truly appreciated. Attached please find some additional resources for you to reinforce this concept at home. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Warmly,

Jill Berlin LoGatto

School Social Worker/ Anti-Bullying Specialist

All About Generosity

Parents,

Hello! Here at school, we have been very busy learning about generosity- what it means, and why it's important! Learning happens best when it is done both at school and at home. Below are many ways that you can help your child continue to learn about the theme of generosity through reading about it, talking about it, and practicing it! We have really enjoyed exploring this topic at school, and I hope your family will enjoy it just as much!

Read About It!

Here are some books to help you learn more about generosity:

- The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein
- Boxes For Katje by Candace Fleming
 - Listen To The Wind by Greg Mortenson
- The Giving Book by Ellen Sabin

Practice It!

Work together to think of people in your family or community who you can give a small gift to. This can be a handmade craft, baked goods, something from the dollar store, etc. As a family, make/buy the gifts and deliver them to special people in your life.

Talk About It!

Here are some discussion points to help you talk about generosity with your child:

- What do you think generosity means and why is it important?
- Tell me about a time someone was generous to you. How did it make you feel?
- Is generosity something that is hard for you or easy? Tell me why you chose that answer.
 - What are some reasons it can be hard to be generous?
 - What would the world be like if everyone were more generous?