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A Message from



Ms. Couble and Ms. Peters

Last month we spent a lot of time teaching our social-emotional theme of the month, respect. Things are really starting to fall into place with these foundational skills for good behavior. This month we will practice how to be respectful in school and at home. There are some simple, yet meaningful, ways to show respect for someone. For instance:

1. Greetings (Good Morning, Have a Good Day)
2. Manners (Thank You, You're Welcome, Please, Excuse Me)
3. Use Kind Words and Keep Hands to Self

Please Model and Set Expectations.

Let's encourage our students to implement these expressions of "respect" daily this month by "catching them" using greetings, "manner words", kind words, and keeping hands and feet to self with adults, teachers and peers. When you "catch them", give them a Panther Buck. Staff with door supervision in the morning can help by handing out Panther Bucks to those using greetings in the morning and staff with lunch supervision can help by handing out Panther Bucks to those using manner words, kind words, and hands to self during lunch. Support staff can help by giving praise and Panther Bucks to students using respect in the hallway. Let's really hammer home respect this month.

**Thank you for being a fabulous staff!
Have a great November!**

Ms. Couble and Ms. Peters

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Important Dates to Remember

All: Child Safety and Protection Month

1st: National Author's Day

7th – 11th: National Young Reader's Week

11th: Veteran's Day

23rd: Start of Thanksgiving Break!



Web Resources of the Month

At *Teaching Tolerance*, you can find great articles that discuss how schools around the country are handling difficult issues, such as bullying, defiance, aggression, and more.

Subscribe to their magazine for free or read the articles at: <http://www.tolerance.org/magazine/archives>



Great Books

November Topic: Respect

(Winnie the Pooh) Just Be Nice...and say you're sorry by Catherine McCafferty

Personal Space Camp by Julia Cook

Words Are Not for Hurting by Elizabeth Verdick

Hands Are Not for Hitting by Martine Agassi, Ph.D.

Manners by ALIKI

My Mouth Is A Volcano by Julia Cook

We Share Everything! By Robert Munsch

(Winnie the Pooh) Just Say "Thank-you" by Disney

I'm Really Sorry by Disney

Manners Mash-Up: A goofy Guide to Good Behavior by Nyeu, shea, Sherry, Colle, Blackall, Santant, Morrison, and Arnold

*These books and more are available in our office.

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Classroom Guidance

Start thinking about your classroom-based social-emotional learning needs! Whether you want 1 lesson per month to coincide with Jane Addams' values or 1 unit per school year, please consider utilizing our support. We are willing to provide specific SEL lessons to your class or help you incorporate SEL into your lessons. All you have to do is email us or drop by our office to schedule a topic, date, and time. We would love to proactively work with your students!