

Kindness Jar

When we are kind to others, we practice inclusiveness. Our kind words and actions help them to feel welcome and included. This project focuses on highlighting kindness in each individual in the class (yes, even you, the teacher!) by the creation of a kindness jar.

Integrity Sub-Concept(s)

Kindness

Project Timeframe

25-30 minutes

Required Materials

- Small pieces of paper
- Pencils
- Clear jar
- Glue

Step 1:

Create your kindness jar. This can be as simple or complex as you desire based on your time and creative expertise! Make sure you label it as the “Kindness Jar” in some fashion.

Step 2:

Explain that this week will be focused on highlighting all of the kind and inclusive words and actions we see and hear in our classroom. Every morning, each person will select the name of a fellow student or the teacher and receive a piece of small paper. Their task is to “catch” that person saying or doing something kind or inclusive that day. Once they see a kind or inclusive deed, they will write or draw it on the paper, add the person’s name on the back, and place it into the kindness jar.

Step 3:

To help the students remember to write down their kindness note, ask students if they have completed their note as an exit question before recess or lunch dismissal.

Step 4:

At the end of each day, allow 2-3 minutes for everyone to write their kindness note if they haven’t already. Once you have all of the kindness notes in the jar, read each one aloud and give it to the person identified. Repeat this activity every day for an entire week!



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