

# Caring



Hello Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to Unit 2 of our Kindness in the Classroom curriculum. For the next 4-6 weeks we will be learning all about CARING. Since this is still a fairly new concept for children this age, we will focus on the following topics:

TOPIC	QUESTIONS WE WILL EXPLORE	HOW YOU CAN HELP AT HOME
<b>Self-Care</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How can we take care of ourselves?</li><li>• What areas of our daily routine are we responsible for?</li></ul>	Talk with your child about how important self-care is as you grow older. Discuss the consequences of poor self-care (cavities, skin problems, etc.)
<b>Helpfulness</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How can we use our time and talent to help others, even without being asked?</li><li>• How does helping without asking inspire kindness in our family?</li></ul>	Discuss different ways your child can help at home.
<b>Gratitude</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How do our words and actions show others we are thankful for who they are and what they do for us?</li></ul>	Help your child practice showing gratitude towards both adults and children in their lives using kind words.
<b>Compassion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How do you feel when you want to help others?</li><li>• How can you use this feeling to care for them?</li></ul>	Talk with your child about people in their classroom that may be struggling. Brainstorm ways they can show compassion for them.

#### Key activities we'll be doing:

- Create a personal Happy Card!
- Write Gratitude Chains!
- Brainstorm ways to show compassion!
- Graph Empathy within our classroom!

#### TRY THIS AT HOME!

Create gratitude chains at home! Using paper, cut long strips and have each person write a different gratitude about something or someone in your home. Link the strips together to form a chain. Each morning or night, tear one off and read it aloud!

**If you have any questions about our Kindness in the Classroom lessons, please feel free to contact me at any time. We are on this kindness path together!**

Sincerely,