Kindness Grams

This project is a fun and simple way for your class to spread kindness to others that have helped them throughout the year.

Kindness Concept(s)

Courage, Kindness

Project Timeframe

25-30 minutes

Required Materials

- Kindness grams printed on cardstock or heavy paper
- art supplies
- envelopes

The first graders will give their reading buddies kindness-grams, highlighting one way their buddy has exhibited kindness towards them throughout the year. Note: If you do not have reading buddies, select another class that you have worked with this year instead or allow the students to each select a special teacher that they enjoyed.

Instructions:

Have each student fill out the writing portion of the kindness-gram. Brainstorm as a class some answers to the following sentence prompts:

I think you are awesome because....

I was impressed when you....

You make me feel good when you....

Allow ample time for students to complete the illustration portion on the back of the kindness-gram as well. If possible, offer unique art opportunities to showcase how special the activity is with oil pastels, scrapbooking, paint, etc. Help each student place their kindness-gram in an envelope and address it to their reading buddy. Ensure that the name is spelled correctly.

Deliver your kindness-grams! (See next page for printable kindness-grams.)



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