Kindness in the Classroom® — 4th Grade



Hello Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to Unit 1 of our Kindness in the Classroom curriculum. For the next 4-6 weeks we will be learning all about RESPECT. Since this topic is already known by many of our students this year, we will be diving deeper into the following topics:

TOPIC	QUESTIONS WE'LL BE EXPLORING	HOW YOU CAN HELP AT HOME
Self-Respect	 How can we show ourselves respect? How do we treat ourselves with kindness? Why is self-respect needed before we can treat others respectfully? 	Talk with your child about the importance of respecting yourself in everything you think, say, and do! Respect starts with YOU.
Respect for Others	 How do we treat our classmates, our family, people in the community? How do our words and actions affect others? Why do our words and actions need to align? 	Help your child examine the connection between what you say and what you do. Discuss the conflict when your words reflect kindness, but your actions do not.
Respect Across Settings	 w do respect our school, our home, our community at large? How can one person's decision to show respect change others around them? 	Talk with your children about different ways to respect their community. Explore ways that your home, school, and/or neighborhood might benefit from an increase in respect. How can we help others to treat these areas with respect as well?

Key activities we'll be doing:

- Design a simple set of personal rules to increase Self-Respect!
- Participate in Peer Interviews!
- Explore places and things that require respect!
- Practice kind, assured communication!

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

Sincerely,

TRY THIS AT HOME!

Encourage your child to use their interview sheet to interview a family member or other adult to learn more about them. This is a terrific conversation starter and can often lead to a newfound respect for their elders!