READING SUGGESTIONS

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1. *EACH KINDNESS* BY JACQUELINE WOODSON

https://bit.ly/4mpTEHp

Think About Kindness in a Variety of Ways

There are so many different ways to practice kindness in your classroom. Encourage your students think about ways they can be kind to others, reflect on ways others have been kind to them, and expand their vocabulary related to kindness.

Activity Suggestions:

Encourage students to write kind notes to each other, or you can utilize the Kindness Climb Cards provided in the Digital Resources folder online.



2.*THE CARPENTER'S GIFT: A CHRISTMAS TALE ABOUT THE ROCKEFELLER CENTER TREE* BY DAVID RUBEL

https://bit.ly/4pDO7jt

Kindness & the Ripple Effect

Explore how one small act of kindness can create a ripple that leads to greater good.

Activity Suggestions:

Have students write or draw their own "kindness ripple" stories: one act they've done or seen that led to other acts of generosity.



1.*THE QUILTMAKER'S GIFT* BY JEFF BRUMBEAU

https://bit.ly/3Ikbe1E

Create a Classroom Quilt of Kindness

Students will identify ways they can show kindness in everyday life. Each student decorates a square with an act of kindness they can do or have seen. Assemble into a class kindness quilt.

Activity Suggestions:

Math: Explore geometric patterns in quilting — symmetry, area, and perimeter using quilt designs.