

Dear Franklin Families:

As you know, every month we focus on a particular character trait here in school. This month was kindness. I read this activity and thought it was a wonderful way for you to interact with your children and further emphasize the character traits that we are trying to teach here in school.

As the year ends, take out your children "for coffee" at the local coffee shop. After ordering your drinks, make the following pronouncement: "You sure have grown an awful lot this year. Not only are you taller, but I can see that your heart has grown, too." (Point out 2-3 examples of empathetic behavior, consideration of peoples' feelings, good deeds etc. that your child has done this past year.) "In fact, your heart has grown so much that I think you are ready to do something really great. Choose someone and secretly find out something that that person needs. Wrap it, deliver it and never reveal to the person where it came from. Discuss the fact that the season is special because of the joy you feel when you do something kind and give unconditionally. It could be a homeless person on the corner, it could be a lonely neighbor, etc. The point is to do something out of our normal routine for someone else without expecting anything in return. This is kindness.

Wishing you all joy, love, peace, light, humility, generosity and kindness!

Sincerely,

Dr. Arlene H. Valdes

Principal

P.S. Don't forget, students need their IDs to board the bus and mark your calendar for report card night, Thursday, January 11th! See you in 2018!