

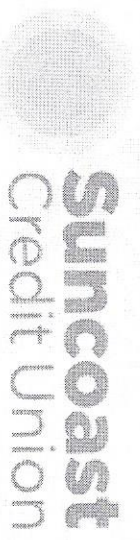


Connect With A Classroom Grant Recipient
2015-2016

ROSE GONZALEZ
East Naples Middle
KINDNESS PROJECT

In recognition of your innovation in the classroom and your dedication to providing your students with enhanced learning opportunities.

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Kindness Poetry Contest

East Naples Middle School
2016

What does **kindness** look like?



Sound
like?



Smell like?



Feel like?



Taste like?

Poem Guidelines:

Must be original! The poem must be the creation of you, not borrowed from anyone else.

Number of Lines: No limit

Number of Words: Between 75 and 200

Does it have to rhyme? Absolutely not. Some of the best poems in the world do not rhyme!

Deadline: Tuesday, November 22, 2016

Submit to: Mr. Holimon or your language arts teacher

Recommendations:

Good poems often **use language in a new or odd way** to make it interesting to the reader.

Good poems often help the reader see the world from a **new, unusual perspective**.

Good poems are often **specific**. Don't just say "car," say "Kia hatchback." Name the thing!


Good poems almost always **show, rather than tell!** For example, rather than write, "I felt sad," I might write, "Life had lost its allure. I could no longer distinguish the taste of pepperoni pizza from a Caesar salad."

Prizes:

Third prize: 1 \$10 Walmart gift card

Second prize: 1 \$15 Walmart gift card

First prize: 3 tickets to the movies, 3 large sodas, and 1 bottomless popcorn!



Don't forget
about
compassion,
empathy,
gratitude,
sympathy, love...

KINDNESS PROJECT – Phase TWO
2016-2017

TEAM LEADERS:

Goal: This year’s focus is to encourage and teach students that KINDNESS feels good, for all parties involved. We, as adults, know that we are rewarded internally for kind gestures. But, until this gesture becomes second nature, or feels so good that students want to do from their heart, we are going to teach this by giving “rewards”.

- I conducted focus groups with our students at the end of last year on what worked well, what did not work, and got ideas that students suggested
 1. We are looking for inexpensive “rewards” to give to students for acts of KINDNESS. We will also be providing material rewards as the budget allows
 2. What rewards would teachers agree to that we could use
i.e.: coupons for:
 - ✓ HOMEWORK PASS
 - ✓ 10 minutes of quiet free time in class (?)
 - ✓ Lunch with one friend in MPR – with use of music ear buds (?)
 - ✓ Any other ideas.....
 3. Please let me know which COUPON REWARD ideas all teachers would agree to....as soon as possible
- Would teachers be willing to do a monthly nomination of a “Kind Student”? NO extra work on anyone; I would send out a monthly email if teachers want to send a name and I would arrange the rest. This could be added to the monthly award ceremonies that are proposed to occur for each grade level.
THOUGHTS?????.....

Thank you in advance for all your help and for the kindness that you show every day!
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