



“Little Acts of Kindness at Mount Prospect School” Character Education



Theme months- December & January

Character Education assists in the teaching of habits of thought and deeds that help people live and work together as families, friends, neighbors, and communities. As a continued effort in working on character education at Mount Prospect School, we will be focusing on the character traits caring/kindness and understanding as well as incorporating, fairness, trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, and citizenship, during our theme months.

The theme of “Little Acts of Kindness Snowman” will be emphasized the months of December & January to coincide with the character traits. There will be a “Snowman” display in the main hallway of the school.

There will be many Jack Frost’s (adults) looking for students who are good helpers, good citizens, good workers, and work hard as part of the Caring/Kindness and understanding theme at MPS. Each Jack Frost will also be looking for the character traits of responsibility, respect, caring, trustworthiness, fairness and citizenship. Jack Frost (any adult) can sign the snowman certificate and give it to a student. There is no limit to how many certificates a student may hand in.

Overview of “Little Acts of Kindness Snowman snowballs into Good Character” at Mount Prospect theme:

- Students can do something that demonstrates any of our character traits in school or at home. These deeds should be something that are over and above what a child normally does or is expected do.
- Jack Frost (teacher/parent/adult) signs off on the “Snowman” certificate that will be handed out in school and sent home (attached to email). Please be sure to write the deed that was done on the back of the certificate.
- Once a student turns in their “Snowman” certificate given by Jack Frost to their homeroom teacher, a small paper snowball will be added to the snowman display. The students will watch as the snowman grows through-out the weeks.
- Eventually various deeds will be added to the “Little Acts of Kindness” display. The deeds will reflect some of the tasks that students have done.

The objectives below may assist in identifying behaviors for students to earn a “snowman” certificate.

Caring/Kindness- demonstrating compassionate and empathetic, gives time, support and comfort in making someone’s life better.

Responsibility- Thinks about consequences before they act, is sensible and demonstrates self discipline, use time efficiently for projects or assignments.

Trustworthiness- Has the courage to do what is right, stand up for others

Fairness-Makes decisions without discrimination or intolerance

Citizenship-Takes initiative to help in class, school, home and the community to make it a better, cleaner and safer place.

Respect -Resolves conflicts peacefully, is polite and courteous to others.

Thank you for helping our students work on developing character and continue to work to make a difference in the world. The Character Education Committee.