

Ideas for Random Acts of Kindness:

- Give someone in the class two pencils. Sharpen them in advance. Have them waiting on the person's desk in the morning.
- Bring in a pack of paper for another student.
- Bring in markers, crayons, or colored pencils for another student.
- Write a note to someone telling him or her how much you appreciate them. You should type the note at home. Show me first before you give it to the other student.
- Go out of your way to say hello to three people at school today—students bringing up the attendance, a kid in the library, kindergarteners walking together somewhere, a teacher you don't know so well, a teacher you had, a sibling's teacher, one working the lunch line, a custodian, etc.
- Put sensational effort (going immensely above and beyond) into one of your assignments.
- Speak kindly all day long. No complaining allowed!
- Bring in a few old books for a student who cannot afford new books at our school. Give them to me, and we'll deliver them together to a kid I know who needs them! We won't make this one secret.
- You can also record your voice on a CD reading a book that you donate to a class at the school. If you want, tell me if you need to record, and I'll get everything arranged for you. Then you can choose a teacher, mysteriously, and I'll put it in his or her teacher mailbox.
- Make a card for someone. A former teacher, administrator, friend, etc.
- Stay a few moments later in the cafeteria, telling the cafeteria helper you are willing to help him or her.
- Bring in breakfast, cookies, or a small snack for the class.
- Adopt a student who needs a friend. Let the student know you are there for him or her.
- Bring in a special lunch for you and someone else one day.
- Ask a few teachers how they are doing. The words "How are you this morning/afternoon?" are kind and respectful.
- Smile at people.
- Volunteer to read a book in a younger classroom. I obviously need to know in advance.
- Give someone a hug.
- Bring someone a gift.
- Help someone who drops something (in the classroom, cafeteria, specials, etc.).
- Ask a specials teacher how (s)he needs your help.
- If you see someone crying, especially someone you don't know, help the person.
- Help a younger student who needs to be directed somewhere.