

"Philanthropy...Fun to Say...Cool to Do!"

What is philanthropy?

Private action for the common good.

Giving time, talent and/or treasure for the good of others.

Dear Parents,

Your child will be experiencing the importance of practicing philanthropy throughout the year. Since the concept philanthropy is an abstract term, students will be introduced to it through many opportunities that demonstrate caring and giving.

Our goal by introducing young students to thinking philanthropically is to build a base at an early age so that their awareness will increase and will encourage them to take an active part in their community.

In order to teach children about philanthropy, we need to provide them with examples in their immediate surroundings. For first grade, this would involve the classroom, school, home and parts of the community that are meaningful to them. Since home is an integral part of each student's life, I would like to encourage you to take part in your child's philanthropic experiences by participating in our Philanthropy at Home Project.

The project is set up as the *ABCs of Giving* in which each student can chose what he or she would like to do as part of the project. There are 26 suggested choices, and I would encourage your child to participate in at least 13 of them. If a better idea comes along, please feel free to share it with me!

Once an act of caring and giving is done, please have your child select a *Form of Assessment* to evaluate how the act of kindness worked. Please do not use each assessment more than three times, so that we may receive a variety of assessments.

Please keep track of the projects on the supplied pages including the date, type of philanthropic action, and type of assessment your child chose to do.

Please try to have your child do a giving project each week, and return the results at the beginning of each week in his or her *Philanthropy Folder*. We will then discuss the results with the class.

Thank you for your support, and I am looking forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

(Teacher's Name)

