

Honoring Martin Luther King Jr. and Noticing Acts of Kindness

Dear Parents,

We have been reading and learning about Martin Luther King and his contributions to our society. As a black American, Dr. King was eager for his own people to be treated with fairness and kindness. To assist them he followed the example of Gandhi, exhorting his black American friends to peacefully demonstrate for equal rights.

In our kindergarten class, we are seeking ways to solve our little problems peacefully and to show fairness and kindness to our school friends and family. Please help us to encourage these fine traits by noticing your child's acts of peace in the home and recording them on the white link for our classroom chain. Record any act of love and kindness on the red link. We hope, with your efforts and our own, to set these traits as habits that will enrich the life of your child, and through them, to benefit our society.

Warmly,

Joanie Cutler
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The chain honoring Martin Luther King Jr. continues to evolve. This year Joanie added green links to record acts of "caring for our earth."

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