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Whole Child: Healthy

Our school culture supports and reinforces the health and well-being of each student.

Whole Child: Safe

Our physical, emotional, academic, and social school climate is safe, friendly, and student-centered.







Teddy Bear Project: Grades K-2







About the Teddy Bear Project

- Created at Bank Street College of Education by educational leaders in social-emotional learning
- Integrated into instruction to support the social and emotional well-being of our students
- Developed to help students to talk about their needs, feelings and ability to care for themselves and others





- Received a bear that "selected" them to belong to
- Learned the bears were in need of someone to take care of them.
- Named their bear
- Shared how their bears feel
- Learned all of the things bears would need so they could reflect on their own needs and their ability to care for others.







Dear First Grade Families,

Last week first grade classrooms had teddy bears mysteriously appear in their classrooms. On Wednesday our first graders learned that each of these bears were in need of someone to take care of them. All our first graders were eager to be of assistance.

We discussed all of the things bears would need to be cared for: love, food, water, attention, snuggles, friends, exercise, air, sleep, hibernation, and to run and play. This is a wonderful exercise for students to reflect on their own needs and their ability to care for others.

Each bear "selected" a student to belong to, and then each student was tasked with naming their bear, making a name tag and then introducing them to the class. We met many wonderful bears - Joker, Sparkle, Junior, Love, and Brownie. We learned we have bears who like soccer, karate, eating pasta, playing with dolls and swimming underwater, just to name a few.

We also talked about how our bears were feeling. We heard they were excited, happy, funny, amazing, nervous and loved. Our students were already planning activities with their bears to make them feel welcomed.

These bears will be brought home today, and we will continue to integrate them in our teaching, as a tool to support social-emotional learning (SEL). We are excited to be sending a little bit of school home with our students. You will see the bears being used to support SEL during our virtual Open Circle lessons, as well as during reading alouds. We encourage your child to have their bears with them whenever they feel the safety and comfort they provide is necessary. Please ask your child to tell you about their bear, they have wonderful answers.

The Teddy Bear project was created at Bank Street - College of Education by educational leaders in social-emotional learning. In first grade, we have tailored the program to meet our own students' needs. We look forward to developing our students' abilities to talk about their needs, feelings and ability to care for themselves and others through this program.

This initiative at <u>TES</u> is for kindergarten thru second grade - so please anticipate these bears being invited to come back to school next year, so hopefully they will not be lost.

Thanks for your support,
The First Grade Team & Mrs. Donovan





Teddy Bears in Our Classrooms and Homes













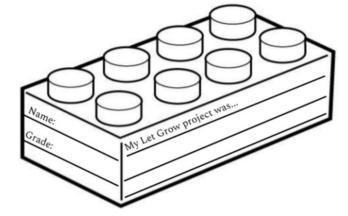
The Let Grow Project: Grades K-5







- An extension of our "Building Resilience in Anxious Times" parent night to help support resilience and growth in our students
- Fosters independence, resilience, perseverance and positive self-esteem
- Families encouraged to participate monthly throughout the year by discussing and determining an activity their child can do independently







Dear Parent.

If you think back on your childhood, a couple of memories probably stand out. Maybe it was the first time you walked to school or met your friends at the local park. Those were important steps toward becoming more independent— a time you got to grow, because your parents let go. You may not have realized it at the time, but the independence you learned in childhood played a big part in your success at school and as an adult.

Unfortunately, many students today struggle with doing things on their own and expect adults to always direct them. This makes it hard for the students to stretch and succeed, or even bounce back from disappointments. We want to help you give your own children that same chance you had to show YOU how amazing they can be. That's what The Let Grow Project is all about.

When kids do something on their own for the first time, something big happens. They realize how deeply you believe in them. You realize how amazingly they're growing up. Worries get replaced by the pride and joy of seeing your kids spread their wings. The Project is eye-opening and heartfilling. All it takes is for you to let your children do something new, on their own or with another child, but without you.

It can be hard to let go, which is why the Project provides this little push. And of course you and your child will discuss together what their Project will be. For the youngest kids it could be something as simple as making a sandwich. For older kids, it can be something a little more independent and outside of the house. The point is to stretch the boundaries of childhood just a little bit, giving kids a chance to grow.

Your child is in for a milestone, and you are too! If you are moved to share on social media to inspire other families (and brag a little!), please tag us @LetGrowOrg!

Either way, be prepared for a lump in your throat. And thank you for giving your kids this gift!

Your Friends at Let Grow

TO DETERMINE WHAT THAT PROJECT WILL BE:

SIT down with your children and look over the Let Grow Project handout.

TALK about their ideas and share your own stories.

DECIDE on an independent activity together.





SPEND TIME WITH ANIMALS

Walk the dog.

Pet sit for a neighbor or friend. Feed the birds.

GO OUTSIDE

Climb a tree.

Ride your bike.

Play in your backyard.

Explore the woods.



GET GROWING

Plant flowers good for butterflies.

Grow something you can eat.

Create a container or fairy garden.



HELP OUT AROUND THE HOUSE

Take out the trash.

Do your laundry.

Get yourself ready for school. Fix something that is broken.



HEAD TO THE KITCHEN

Bake cookies or a cake.

Make dinner for your family.

Pack your own lunch.



EXPLORE YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Walk to a friend's house. Visit a neighbor.

Go to a store near you.



LOVE YOUR PLANET

Pick up garbage outside.

Donate something you don't use.

Make a piece of "trash art".



HELP OTHERS

Babysit a sibling. Help a neighbor with a chore.

Teach someone younger how to do something.



HAVE FUN WITH FRIENDS

Host a sleepover.

Put on a play or show.

Start your own club.



BUILD & CREATE

Build something you can use.

Make art outside.

Sew something.



INCREASE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

Make a haircut or dentist appointment.

Create a budget.

Mow the lawn.



CHALLENGE YOURSELF

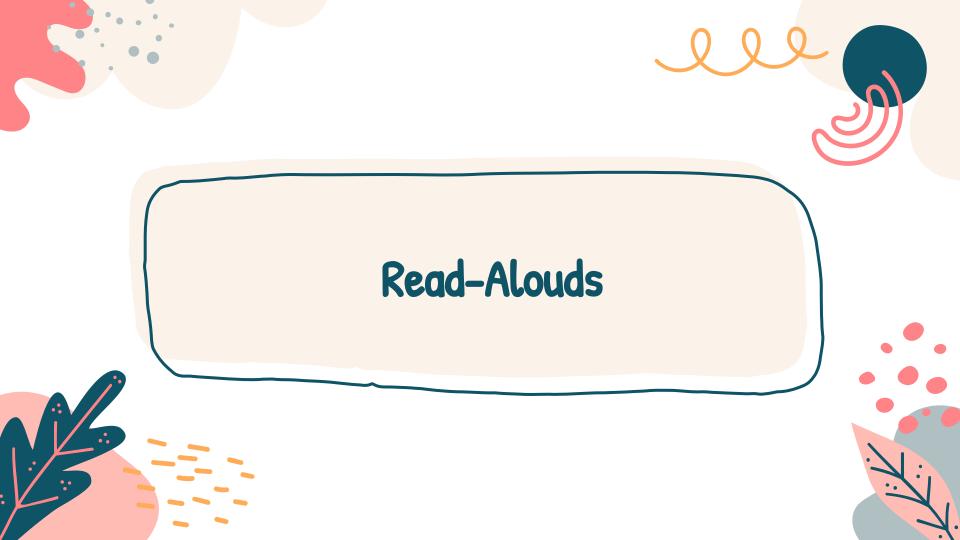
Paint a room.

Build a fort.

Camp out in the backyard.

Volunteer.







ONLY ONE YOU



A SPECIAL STORY AND ACTIVITY FOR OUR TES STUDENTS!

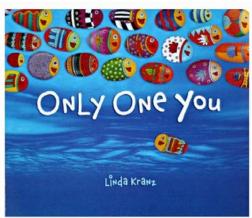
DEAR TES FAMILIES,

We hope your child enjoys this story (click link below)! We encourage you to take your child outside to find a rock they can paint to represent who they are. Once dry, you can bring it to school, and outside our main entrance will be a bin to place the rock. We will display them outside to show that we are all unique, we are all special and we are all part of one community. Welcome to TES and welcome to the new school year! We are going to make it a great year!

Ms. Lemerich and Ms. Donovan









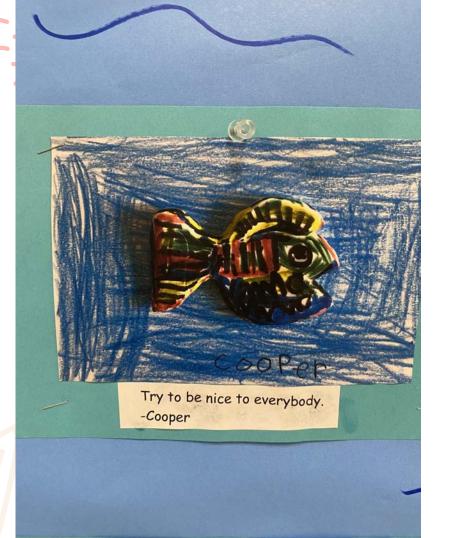


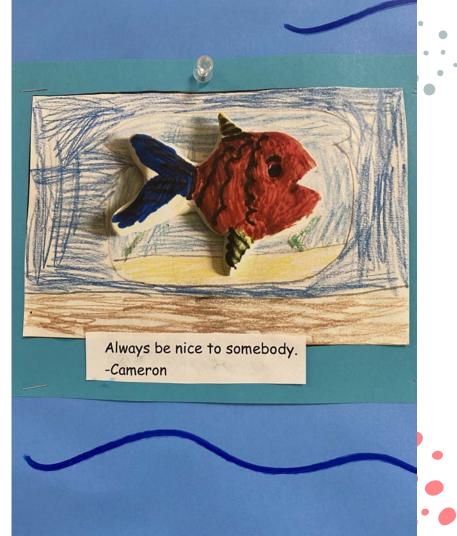


TES Students Shared Some Advice:

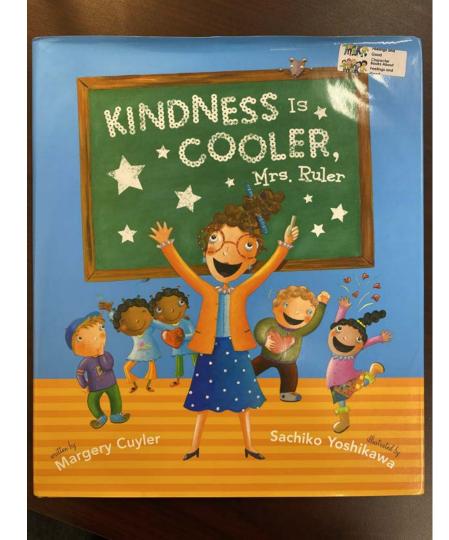








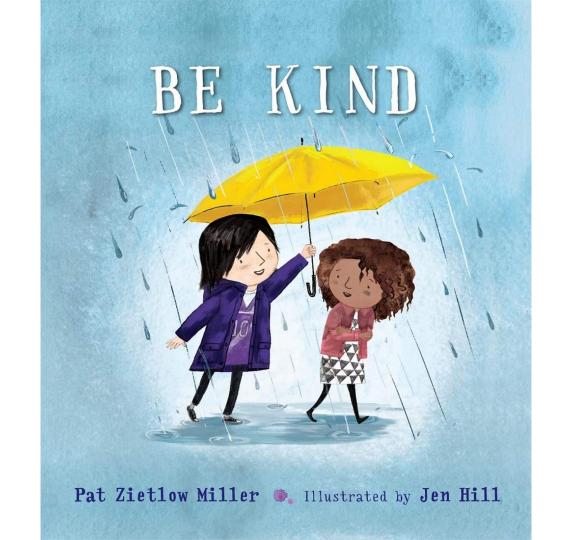
















Sensory Pathway & Outdoor Stencils

SEL PLC in Partnership with the TEF and PTA















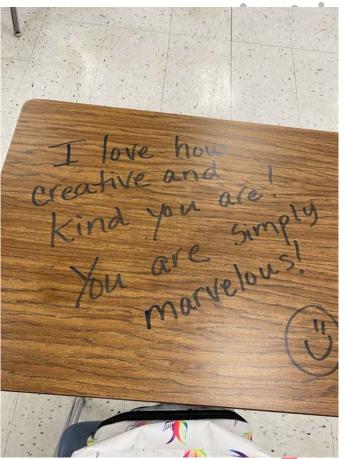
Monthly Character Trait Focus





World Kindness Day & Monthly Kindness Wear Days :





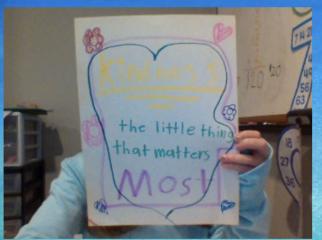


REMEMBER TO BE KIND





Be yourself and love yourself no matter what other people think!!











In-Person and Virtual Gratitude Trees











Our school offers a range of opportunities for students to contribute to and learn within the community at large, including service learning, internships, apprenticeships, and volunteer projects.









5th grade students support Mane Stream!







Letter to TES Community

Written by: Maria



Dear Tewksbury Families,

We are excited to be writing to the whole school from Ms. Amato's 5th grade class. We are organizing a shoe drive to help Mane Stream.

Mane Stream's mission is to improve the quality of life for individuals with physical, developmental, emotional and medical challenges through a diverse program of equine assisted activities, therapy services and educational initiatives. Mane Stream is running a used shoe collection and is partnering with Funds2orgs.com to keep shoes out of landfills, provide affordable footwear to people in developing countries and raise much needed funds for Mane Stream.

Our class goal is to collect 200 or more pairs of shoes, but we will need the whole school and your help to reach our goal.

Please bring donations of gently used shoes in good condition.

Adult and Childrens Shoes are accepted.

November 16th to December 11th

Collection containers in front of TES and in the front hallway.

We appreciate all donations.

Our class is so excited to be helping support Mane Stream help others.

When you donate a pair of shoes you help us reach our goal and help Main Stream. Our class is excited to help Mane Stream, we have made letters, posters, morning announcements, and short video clips. We are really excited to work on this because it's our 1st project and we would love it to be successful. With your help we can make this happen and help Mane Stream. We appreciate your kindness when you donate a pair of shoes.

Thank You,

Ms. Amato's 5th Grade Class









Morning Announcements

Written and designed by: Ara and Katherine



















Donate your shoes today!











Mane Stream Mane Stream Mane Stream Mane Stream Mane Stream

What is Mane Stream and what can I do to help?

Mane Stream is a business that lets disabled kids and adults ride horses for free!

They depend on donations. They are trying to get old shoes to gives to people and that person sells the shoes. Mane Stream gets half of the money and the person gets the other half. You will notice a box in front of your classroom. If you have any old shoes bring them to school and drop them into the box to support. We will be collecting them when most of the boxes in the school is full. Our goal is to get 200 shoes! Please help and donate.



-Mrs Amato's Homeroom, Room 10



THANK YOU FOR READING OUR SLIDESHOW ABOUT MANE STREAM! WE HOPE YOU WILL DONATE YOUR SHOES. HAVE A NICE DAY AT HOME OR AT SCHOOL!







Morning Announcement

Written by: Julia





WE ARE SURPASSING OUR GOAL!!

Hello Tewksbury School. We have an important announcement. Please check if you have any old shoes that you do not wear or use anymore. These shoes will be donated. Check with your parents before you bring any shoes to the school. If you would like to donate shoes you can drop them off outside the front door. Or you can also drop it off outside one of the 5th grade classrooms. - JM





Virtual Poster

Designed by: Khai and Deanna





DONATE A PAIR OF SHOES TO MAINSTREAM

Please Donate!

Bring a Gently used pair of shoes Kids or Adult Sized Bring them to TES And put them in one of the donation bins Please Help!!



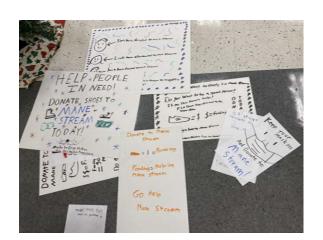
Mainstream Shoe Dive

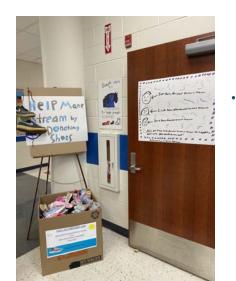


Making Posters for the Hallways at TES



Truman, Jake, Diego, and Enrique





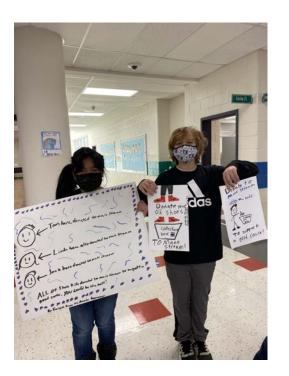




Hanging Posters Around TES

Mikaela and Damian











Virtual Collection Goal Thermometer

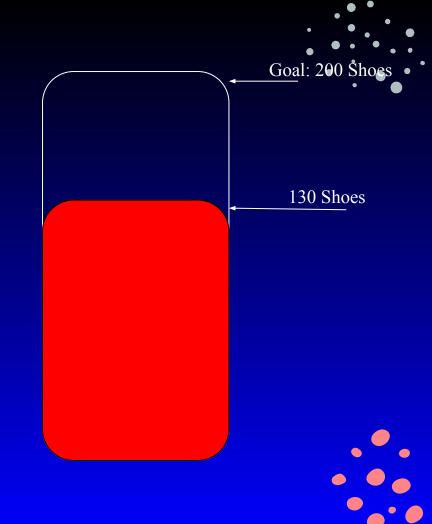
Created by: Katherine







Thank you to everybody who has donated their shoes! Our goal is to get 200 shoes and we already have 130! We need 70 more shoes in order to achieve our goal. Please keep bring in your old shoes and donate them to a good cause. Thank you!







Shoe Counting

Counted by:

Dylan, Leland, Alec, Charley, and Jay



















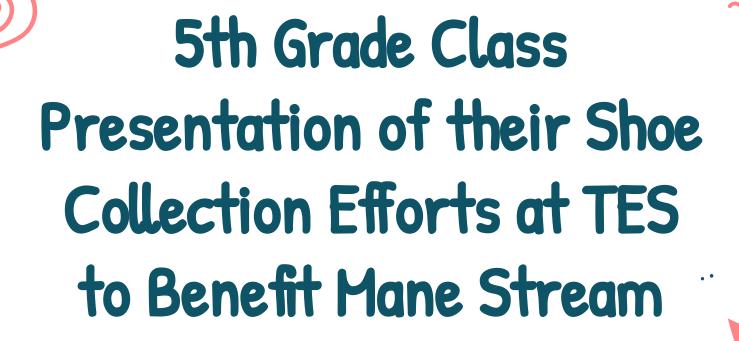














Speakers for the Virtual Presentation

Jay

Enrique

Diego

Katherine

Ara

Maria







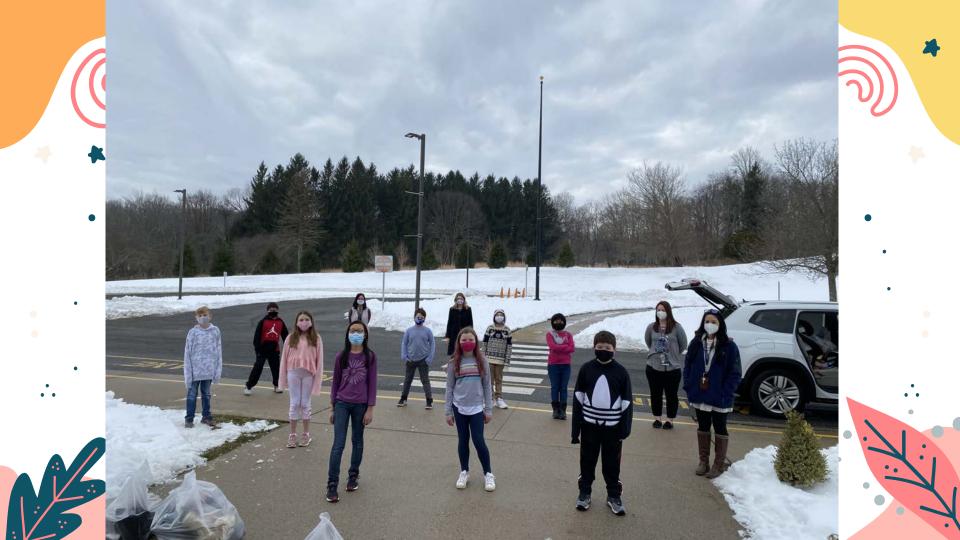
Shoe Collection Drop-off

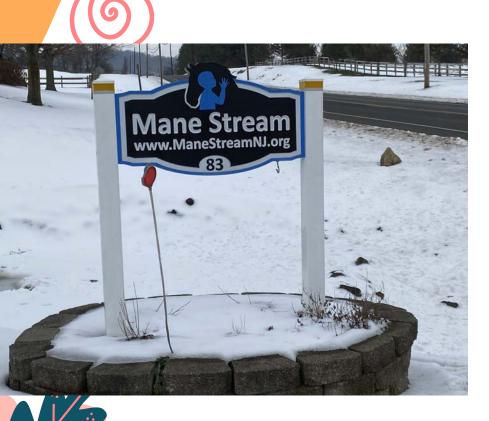
















Virtual Thank You Note to School By Ryan

Thank You TES



We have together gotten 400 shoes to give to Main Stream and support their program to help people in need. The things we have accomplished in only 5 weeks is incredible. The difference we have made might be small, but it will still make a difference to people who don't get to do what we do everyday.



Mane Stream Thanks You!

Tewksbury 5th Graders Surpass

Shoe Drive Goal



December 29, 2020

Tewksbury 5th Graders Surpass Shoe Drive Goal

LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS MAKE THE SEASON BRIGHT!

Kathryn Lemerich (Katie) came on board as the new Principal of Tewksbury Elementary School this past summer, which had to be difficult given these unprecedented times. But when she called our office a few months ago asking, "What can the children do for Mane Stream?" we quickly suggested our Shoes for Shoes program which raises funds to help pay for our farrier bills. The teachers and children of the 5th Grade realized the



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Our 5th graders are on to their next service learning project of running a canned food drive at TES!





Canned Food Drive

Dear Parents,

People all over America are suffering from job loss because of this pandemic. Small businesses that were stable are on the brink of closing because of it. The food pantries are running out of food for families who need it. Mrs. Perticari's homeroom is hosting a canned food drive for our local food pantries. With the help of our school counselor, Mrs. Donovan, and our community's support, we are hoping that we can bring in over 1,500 cans! If each class collects 100 cans, we can achieve this



goal! Since the 100th day of school is quickly approaching on February 16th, let's try to get 100 cans by the 100th day!! This will be a grade level collection and we are hoping to be sending home a reusable bag to help bring in your cans. We would love for you to fill.

the bag to fill a heart. The deadline to bring in canned goods is March 8.

Each grade will be participating and the grade that collects the most cans gets a reward. Each grade will have its own box and cans will be counted and collected daily. What

grade will come out on top?! If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Perticari.

Thank you.

Mrs. Perticori's Fifth Grade Class









Food Drive

By: Mrs. Perticari's 5th grade class



All About The Food Drive

There will be a grade level box in the hallway where the cans can be placed in. You can

only bring in canned food, the goal is 100 cans per class and 1,500 cans for the whole **I**

school. The grade with the most cans will win a prize. So start packing up cans and

delivering!

Canned/Boxed Foods

Tuna

Soup

- Vegetables

- Fruits

Or any other canned foods!

Celebration/Prizes

At the end of the month we will count up the cans and pick the grade winner! The prize will go to the grade that has the most cans. You may start bringing in cans on February 8th. This ends on March 8th!



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