

KINDNESS – THIRD GRADE

Book and Lesson will be together in the media center. Materials are in the cabinet immediately to your left when you enter the media center.

Materials:

Book: *The Giving Tree* by Shel Silverstein
Kindness Poster

Activity:

Lead discussion with students. What do you think it means to be kind? What do you think is the definition of kindness? Why do we want to show kindness towards others?

Display definition and discuss:

Being considerate, courteous, helpful, and understanding of others. Showing care, compassion, friendship, and generosity. Treating others as you would like to be treated.

Introduce story entitled “The Giving Tree.” What do you think this story will be about? What predictions can you make?

Read the book.

After reading the book, discuss:

Who show’s kindness in the story? (the tree) How? (The tree gives the boy apples to eat, shelter, the trunk to build a boat and the stump to sit on.)

What the world would be like if everyone were kind and giving like the tree in the story?

What would the world be like if everyone were unkind?

Questions:

What are ways we can show kindness to people at school? At home? In the community?