

Teaching Children to Give

This holiday season, sharing the experience of giving can be the most rewarding present you give your child. It can be difficult to teach children the value of giving in a season when they're surrounded by messages about the value of getting. Here are some ideas of how to start teaching your child why it is important to think of others.

1. Start when the kids are small. Young children often need help learning to share.
2. Teach your child that they don't need money to give. Homemade gifts are the best!
3. Involve your child in selecting a gift. Allow them to discover the joy of giving firsthand.
4. Be a role model. Kindness is contagious!
5. Personalize giving. Giving provides children with a sense of self-esteem and pride.

Sometimes, there is no better feeling than giving someone a gift that you know they will love. By bringing joy to others, children begin to realize that their actions matter and can have an impact. Let's inspire kindness this holiday season!

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Ask Your Child: Who would you like to give a gift to this holiday season?

PARENTING



Understanding Diversity at Home

One of Spaulding Academy's most popular campus event is our annual Multicultural Celebration. Our children spend weeks studying different cultural celebrations to expand their knowledge, promote skill development, and build confidence. We are currently reimagining our treasured Multicultural Celebration but we encourage you to take this opportunity to explore the world with your children!

You've heard it before: Kids are sponges! They're constantly observing and forming opinions about themselves and others, which means this is a crucial time to teach them how to value the beautiful diversity in our world. Children begin to recognize difference from a very early age, making it essential to get comfortable talking about differences.

Have honest, age-appropriate conversations with your child about differences they recognize in others. For instance, if your child points out other skin colors, you might say "Yes, people do have different skin colors, and that's the beauty of the world we live in."

Ask Your Child: How many different holiday celebrations can you name?

DIVERSITY



To learn more about teaching children about diversity, please visit: www.scholastic.com.

Paper Plate Snowman

Materials

- White paper plates
- Googly eyes
- Large pink buttons
- Black magic marker
- Glue stick
- Black, orange, green, and white construction paper
- Blue pipe cleaner
- Blue pom poms
- Small red pom poms

Directions:

1. Use the glue stick to glue two googly eyes on the paper plate. They should be placed toward the middle of the plate, where the eyes would be on a face.
2. Glue two pink buttons below the eyes and a bit to the side so they look like cheeks.
3. Use the black marker to draw a squiggly line from one pink button to the other to form a smile.
4. Cut a nose out of the orange construction paper and glue in place.

To make a top hat: Draw and cut out a hat shape. Add a white paper band if desired and add two green leaves and three red pom poms to make the holly.

To make earmuffs: Add your pipe cleaner to the top center of your paper plate, making sure to glue both ends. Place and glue a large pom pom on either end.

Ask Your Child: Why do you think your snowman is smiling?

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FUN CRAFT ✂

Penguin Bagel Recipe

Ingredients

- Half of a Bagel
- Cream Cheese
- Dark Grapes
- Orange Slices
- One Raisin

Directions

1. Spread cream cheese on your bagel half and place it on a plate.
2. Cut the grapes in half.
3. Place the grapes around the top and sides, as pictured.
4. Cut a raisin in half and place them to be the eyes.
5. Use orange slices to make the beak and feet.

Ask Your Child: Where do penguins live?

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