

A group of diverse cartoon children of various ethnicities and styles are smiling and standing together in a friendly, diverse community. They are dressed in casual clothing like t-shirts, shorts, and a cap, with backpacks and accessories. The background is a soft, out-of-focus white.

Be An Open-Minded Super Friend!

Building Relationships & Kindness

What is an Open Mind?

Closed Mind

A closed mind is like a locked door.

- ✗ Says "Eww" to new things
- ✗ Only plays with same friends
- ✗ Thinks "My way is best"

Open Mind

An open mind is like a wide open window!

- ✓ Says "I'll try it!"
- ✓ Plays with everyone
- ✓ Asks "Can you teach me?"

Trying New Things

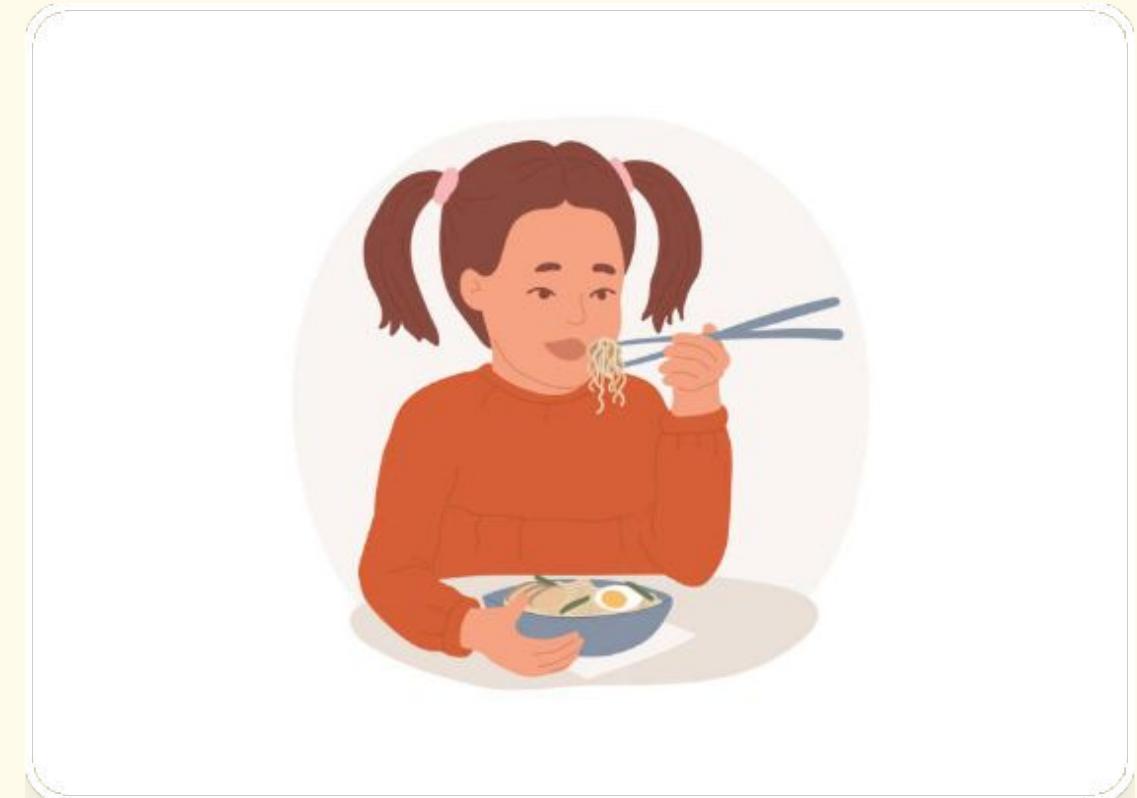
Adventure Awaits!

Being open-minded means trying stuff you've never done before. It might seem scary at first, but you might find your new favorite thing!

Taste a new fruit 

Play a new game 

Listen to a new song 



3 Signs of an Open Mind



Curiosity

Asking questions instead of judging. Wondering "Why?" and "How?"



Listening

Using your ears to really hear what others are saying.



Respect

Knowing that being different is what makes us special.



Building Relationship Skills

How to be the best friend you can
be!

The Superpower of Empathy



Walking in Their Shoes

Empathy is a big word that means "feeling what someone else feels."

If your friend is sad, you understand why they are sad. Being open-minded helps us care about how others feel, even if we feel differently.

Sharing & Taking Turns

Fair Play is Fun Play

Good relationships are built on sharing. Whether it's toys, crayons, or time to speak, taking turns shows you respect the other person.

When we open our hands to share, we open our hearts to friendship!



Let's Watch a Story!

Video Time

We are going to watch a short clip about what it means to be open minded.

Get Ready for:

What it means to be closed minded vs open minded?

Who wants to play a game at the end to review?



Friendship Challenge

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Steps to Try Today

Make a New Connection

Step 1: Smile & Say Hi! Find someone you don't usually play with.

Step 2: Ask a Question. "What is your favorite game?" or "Do you like dinosaurs?"

Step 3: Listen. Really listen to their answer with an open mind.

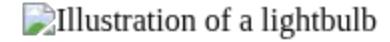
Remember To...



Listen with care



Love and be kind



Learn new things

Questions?

Thank you for being open-minded listeners!

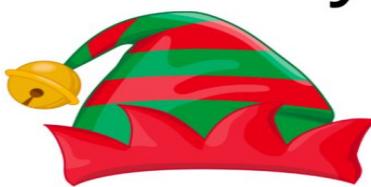
★ You are all Super Friends! ★

This Month:

2025 P.S. 340 HOLIDAY SPIRIT WEEK!

Let's come together to spread our 340 HOLIDAY CHEER!

Wednesday, December 17th - Tuesday, December 23rd

Wednesday, December 17	Thursday, December 18	Friday, December 19	Monday, December 22	Tuesday, December 23
Holiday Headgear, Hair or Socks Day 	Winter/ Holiday Character 	Candy Cane Lane 	Silly Sweater Day 	Polar Express Pajama Day 
Wear holiday hats, headbands, hair styles or socks!	Dress up as your favorite winter or holiday character. Ideas: snowman, elf, Santa, Elsa	Wear red, white, or candy canes!	Show off your holiday spirit by wearing a silly or festive shirt.	Wear your favorite cozy or holiday pajamas

Student of the Month for November : Citizenship



DECEMBER CULTURAL CELEBRATIONS AROUND THE WORLD

A Tapestry of Traditions & Light



Hanukkah:
Festival of Lights, celebrating the miracle of the oil.



Christmas:
Commemorating the birth of Jesus; a time for giving and family.



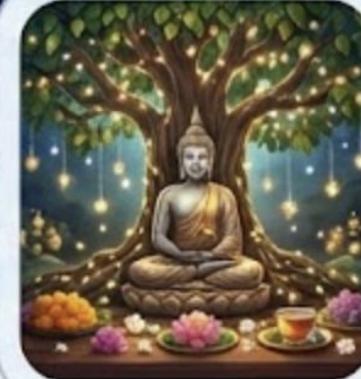
Kwanzaa:
(African-American/
Pan-African)
Celebrating African heritage, family, and community principles.



Las Posadas:
Re-enacting Mary & Joseph's search for shelter.



Yule:
Celebrating the winter solstice and the return of the sun.



Bodhi Day:
Commemorating the Buddha's enlightenment.

Embracing Diversity and Shared Joy in the Winter Season. 

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