

Dear Parents,

Our class is participating in the Lucky Dog- Humane Education curriculum that teaches kindness, respect, compassion, and responsibility. Research has shown that teaching young children from an early age to participate in community service and empathize with others can greatly reduce the risk of developing bully like characteristics.

This month's lesson begins with the book Buddy Unchained by Daisy Bix. The book helps teach the importance of speaking up and doing something if you see an injustice. The lesson focuses on speaking up and speaking out, being a responsible citizen, and what to do if you see cruelty or neglect. The children will be creating a "Compassion in the Classroom" poster and will add to it each time they see a classmate showing kindness and compassion.

Throughout the curriculum we have been engaging in community service learning projects. This month we will be hosting a shelter supply drive to help our local animal shelter. The children have decorated a large collection box for the front office and supplies will be collected from _____ to _____. The supplies will be dropped off on _____.

Some suggested items for donations are:

- Dry Dog Food for puppies, adult dogs, or seniors
- Dry Cat Food for kittens, adult cats, or seniors
- Cat Litter
- Towels
- Blankets
- Dog Toys
- Cat Toys
- Dog Treats
- Cat Treats

To make the experience more meaningful to your child, please allow him/her to shop and choose the item(s) your family will donate. You can also look through store coupons to help with budgeting skills.

Thank you for helping build compassion in our classroom and beyond.

Sincerely,

