

"Compassion Project" (Grade level panel ideas) - J. Tarr
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Kindergarten: "Helping Hands" - handprint or clay hand attached to panels. Motivation- How can children be good 'helpers'?

1st Grade: "Friendship" - face w/smile - (painted/embellished).

Motivation - 'Mother Teresa': "Peace begins with a Smile".

2nd Grade: "Compassion Quilt" - fabric/fabric paints/dye- quilt square.

Motivation - guest speaker from Big Brother

Big Sister, to talk about caring about others (children).

3rd Grade: "Helping Paws" - clay animal attached to panels.

Motivation - guest speaker 'Saving Paws' - talk about responsible pet ownership/shelters/volunteers.

4th Grade: "Plant A Tree" - tissue paper/wire leaf/decoupage' on handmade paper attached to the panels- the 'environment'.

Motivation - guest speaker 'Local Nature Center'.

5th Grade: "There's No Place Like Home" - paris craft/low relief/paint.

Motivation - guest speaker - to talk about issues of people who are 'homeless'/shelters/food pantry.

6th Grade: "Just Like Me" - marker/crayon/watercolor resist - Illustration review of Norman Rockwell's paintings: the 'Four Freedoms'.

Motivation - guest speakers to talk about acceptance/disability/diversity.

I decided to start the panels in January (doing the whole school during that month). At Huntley Elementary School the Social Skills theme for January will be: 'Compassion' and the staff will use the materials/videos (age appropriate) (*that we all have info on*) to share with their students at that time.

We have also decided to use all of the panels for a permanent display here at Huntley, either by grade level themes or all together, depending on the visuals created. The theme/materials will also be used for a take home version, so students will still get make and take that medium/technique.