

Hello!

In the month of September, I spent time with your students talking about what they valued. We discussed material possessions and people that they value, as well as attributes for which they want to be known. We ended the unit with a discussion about ethics and right or wrong choices. Each of the students got to sample a chocolate covered brussel sprout to talk about how their inside should match their outside.

Next month, in October, we will be discussing several challenging topics. Our theme is responsibility, and we will focus more on a responsibility to be kind. We will begin by watching a video from Darell Scott, the parent of a Columbine school shooting victim Rachel Scott. The video talks briefly about the sadness of school shootings, but focuses more on the importance of kindness as a preventative method for school violence.

In the second week we will do a unit on suicide awareness and prevention methods. I wish that this was not something that needed to be discussed, but suicide is a prevalent issue in our world today. We will focus on the signs of a potential suicide and how to take action if you or your friend is hurting. Again, we will refer back to spreading kindness responsibly.

The third week we will take a break and focus on responsibility to careers and the student's individual plan of study. The last week of October is Red Ribbon Week, so we will be discussing side effects of drugs and building resilience and kindness.

Depending on your child, this may be a sensitive unit. As always, feel free to reach out to me with any questions you may have.

Thank you!