



Kindness Matters...



2015-16 Orleans-Niagara Teacher Center Learning Through Literacy Contest

This learning opportunity encourages teachers and students to use the grade specific Common Core Learning Standards in reading and writing to complete a common task. The contest is open to all students in Pre-Kindergarten through grade 6 in the Orleans-Niagara Teacher Center public and private school districts. Each teacher may submit 3 entries per grade band. Each entry must have a completed entry form attached. Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each grade band.

Submission deadline is April 1 at 4pm. Please send to the Orleans-Niagara Teacher Center via interschool mail. An awards ceremony will be held in the spring (Date TBD).

Kindness is the quality of being warm-hearted, considerate, and showing concern about the well-being and feelings of others. Choose a text or texts that are focused on the theme of KINDNESS. The text(s) can be fiction or non-fiction. Based on the text(s) students will do the following:

PK – Grade 1

- Read a piece of literature in which kindness is the theme.
- Identify the act of kindness which is illustrated throughout the story.
- Write a short narrative or create a piece of artwork that explains a connection between yourself and the main characters as it pertains to the act of kindness. **Artwork must include a brief written piece as well to demonstrate literacy skill.*

W 1.1/W.K.1/W.K.3/W. 1.2

RL.K.3, RL.1.3, RL.1.7 L.1.2 L.K.2

Grade 2 – Grade 3

- Read a text chosen by the teacher (story, article, fiction, non-fiction).
- Select a key **character(s) from the text that demonstrates a quality of kindness** (person, animal, etc.).
- Create a poem or personal response **comparing** this character's kindness **to yourself or someone you know and explain the importance of this character trait in everyday life.** (Entry may contain visuals).
- **Please limit to 300 words.**
- Be sure to use evidence from the text in your response.

W.2.1, W.2.3, W.3.1, W.3.3

RL.2.3, RL.3.3

Grade 4 – Grade 6

- Read two texts (story, article, fiction, non-fiction).
- Select a **character from each text that demonstrates qualities of kindness.**
- Create a typed poem or personal response **comparing and contrasting the characters' traits and acts of kindness.**
- **Please limit to 500 words.**
- Be sure to use evidence from the text(s) in your response.

W4.1, W.4.4, W.5.1, W.5.4, W.6.1

RL.4.3, RL.5.3 RL 6.2