

November 30, 2017

Dear Families,

December is always a busy month here at Southdown Primary School. I am pleased to announce that we will celebrate kindness during the month of December. I would like to thank the PTA for purchasing the book Chrysanthemum by *Kevin Henkes*. I will deliver the book to each classroom on Friday, December 1, 2017.

Chrysanthemum is a little girl who absolutely loved her name. Her feelings about her name changed when she went to school and was teased by the other children. This story teaches students to develop and maintain a positive self-esteem no matter what the obstacles may be. Teachers will link the message of the book to our school-wide mission of spreading kindness. I encourage you to ask your child questions about the message of the book.

You will find the kindness calendar attached to this letter. Children should keep the calendar at home and complete 1 to 2 acts of kindness daily. Please have your child color in completed acts on a daily basis. The colored calendar should be sent back to school on Friday, December 22, 2017. Teachers will have discussions in their classroom regarding these acts of kindness.

There will be other activities that take place in the classroom that teach students to spread kindness in their community. I would like to thank the PTA (Mrs. Perotti) and teachers (Mrs. Kenny and Mrs. Duffy) for organizing and initiating these events.

Please accept my sincere wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season for you and your family.

Sincerely,

Scott Oshrin