

Kindness Recognition Tags

Promote empathy for all—large and small!

Dear Teacher,

Kindness recognition tags are a valuable tool for promoting empathy in the classroom. These animal-friendly tags are an effective and easy way to applaud positive behavior grounded in social and emotional learning. When you see a student being kind, you can reward them with a personalized tag that recognizes their act of kindness, helping to cultivate a culture of compassion, empathy, and kindness for all sentient beings—no matter the species.

Some Ways to Use Kindness Recognition Tags in the Classroom

- Recognize students for acts of empathy and compassion on the spot, helping everyone get excited about kindness.
- Set up a kindness tag board. After recognizing a child for their act of kindness, celebrate it with a note on the board explaining its importance so that other students will be inspired to perform kind acts, too.
- Create kindness tag jars for each student. At the end of the week, students can share and discuss their favorites.
- Print extras and encourage your students to recognize each other for their kindness!

Instructions

1. Discuss why it's important to be kind to all sentient beings. "Sentient" means that someone can experience feelings. (Humans and other animals are sentient.)
2. Read through and discuss the acts of kindness printed on the tags. Give a few additional examples.
3. Let your students know that they will receive tags in recognition of their kind acts—and remind them that it's the kindness, not the tag, that's important!
4. Recognize a student for an act of kindness that you observed recently. If nothing quite fits the bill, there will surely be something soon.
5. Be honest and consistent. The more these tags are used for genuinely kind behavior, the more effective they'll be.

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