

Person of the Week



Each week of this school year we will have a Person of the Week. The purpose behind Person of the Week is to learn about interesting and influential people in our world and our community. This means we will be studying peace making and peace-filled individuals such as Mother Teresa, Gandhi, Jane Goodall, Helen Keller, etc.. We will also be learning about each student and each teacher - sharing about ourselves and discovering the ways that each one of us can add peace to our world, our classroom, our community. My wish is that each child will come to the understanding that they are influential and powerful - that they can create change where they see it is needed.

One way for the Person of the Week to show their caring ways is to provide snack for the week. If this presents any problems for you, please let me know in advance and I will happily provide help. Snack should be enough to feed 20 students and be kept simple. I ask that you provide a protein and a carbohydrate. Typically snack consists of two items. Great snacks are as easy as crackers, Pirate's Booty, pretzels, cheese (either a block or string), hard boiled eggs, grapes, raisins, tangerines, small apples or large apples that we can slice, berries, bananas, nuts ... healthy goods! We are also fortunate to have no food allergies in our class this year. When sending in snack, please refrain from packaging food in individual servings. Not only does this eliminate plastic packaging, but it also allows the children to serve themselves - pulling grapes from their stems, peeling a tangerine, scooping Pirate's Booty, using tongs to count out pretzels. These are all great skills learned through self-serve snack.

Person of the Week will also have special responsibilities: leading our line, communicating when it is clean-up time (usually ringing of the gong!), feeding the animals, etc...

Everyone will be able to bring in something to share during this week. No toys, please. Great share items are photos of themselves or of their family, a great story to tell, a collection or one or two things from a collection (e.g., rocks, pressed flowers, shells, etc.). It is helpful for you to rehearse what they would like to tell the class about the item that they brought in.

Each child will also be able to share with the class something in the world that they wish to see changed. This could be anything from hunger in the world to seeing people not included in a game of tag. It simply needs to be important to them. They will discuss the problem, then give an idea of how they think it can be peacefully resolved. This activity will be referred to as "My Peaceful Solution". Please help your child prepare what they would like to say.

They will also be able to share a favorite song with the class. This can be a song on a CD or not. Some children feel more comfortable singing along to a CD.

Our week will end with the Person of the Week giving the peace lesson that I demonstrated at Back-to-School Night. Through this, they will be able to share something that is in their heart. You may write a word on a piece of paper to be placed in the heart box at home or I can write it for them when they come to school.

Person of the Week will be posted on our class calendar at the beginning of each month. I will schedule everyone as close to their birthdays as possible - some children share the same birthday week or have them over holiday breaks - but I will do my best to have them near, if not on their birthday week.



Person of the Week Schedule

Monday - Provide snack, bring in share item. Optional things to bring in are flowers for our table, and lettuce or rose leaves to feed the stick bugs - one medium sized Ziploc bag will do for the week.

Tuesday - Provide snack, bring in a favorite book from home or choose one from our classroom library. If they are able to read it to the class they may, even if they have simply memorized it.

Wednesday - Provide snack, "My Peaceful Solution" sharing

Thursday - Provide snack, sharing of a song

Friday - Provide snack, giving of peace lesson

Please keep in mind that any money spent goes towards parenting hours. For every \$20, an hour is earned. Submit the receipt to me with your child's name written at the top. I will sign it and submit it to the office for you.

