



Kid Kick Newsletter

Kindness

– quality of being warmhearted, considerate, humane, and sympathetic.

Has a friend ever done something nice for you that made you want to do something nice for someone too? Your friend was showing kindness, and the best thing about kindness is that it's contagious! When someone does something nice for you, you feel good inside and want to do something nice too. Even when you help someone you don't know, you feel good inside and want to continue doing kind deeds.

In martial arts class, you show kindness when you help new students tie their belts the right way, help your instructor pick up after class, or when you invite friends to come to "bring-a-friend" classes. Outside of class, you're kind when you help bring in groceries, hold the door for someone, or share your toys. List three ways you can show kindness on the lines below.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____



december jokes

1. **Where does a snowman keep his money?**
In a snow bank.
2. **What did the snowman order at the fast food restaurant?**
An ice burger with chilli sauce.

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Is December the Tenth or Twelfth Month?

December comes from the Latin word *decem* which means ten. Hey! Wait a minute. Isn't December the twelfth month? A decathlon has 10 athletic events, a decade is 10 years, and a decagon has 10 sides, so why isn't December the tenth month?

It was the tenth month of the year on the Roman or Julian calendar, which began with March. When January and February were added, December became the twelfth month of the new Gregorian calendar; named for Pope Gregory XIII.

The calendar was changed because the Roman calendar was short by about 11 days. Over time, the seasons would be reversed (snow in summer in the northern hemisphere) and, then, eventually go back again.

Winter Cryptogram

Match each number with its corresponding letter in the key box to unveil the secret phrase!

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
7	18	15	6	25	12	24	5	8	26	20	21	1	22	11	3	16	23	17	4	2	13	10	19	9	14

25 7 15 5 17 22 11 10 12 21 7 20 25 8 17 11 22 25 11 12 7

20 8 22 6 ... 26 2 17 4 21 8 20 25 9 11 2 !

Color the martial artist and the Christmas tree, but don't forget the presents!

COLORING FUN!





Word to Remember

Ombudsman — [ɒm-bʊdz-mən] noun.

1. a government official who investigates complaints made by people about unfair acts of public officials
2. one that investigates reported complaints (as from consumers or students)

Example: My sister urged her fellow student-council members to write the university ombudsman about the need for more parking.

Origin: “Ombudsman” is a Swedish word first appearing in English in the 1950s. In Swedish, “ombudsman” means “representative.” It originated in the Norse spoken in the early Middle Ages as “*umbothsmathr*,” from “*umboth*,” meaning “commission,” and “*mathr*,” meaning “man.”

Wise
quote

“You will find, as you look back on your life, that the moments that stand out are the moments when you have done things for others.”

— Henry Drummond



Winter Wonderland Word Search



Find and circle all the words listed below. They can be forward, backward, up, down, or diagonal.

BLIZZARD
COAT
EARMUFFS
FIREPLACE
CHRISTMAS
HANUKKAH
HOT CHOCOLATE
IGLOO
KWANZAA
MITTENS
QUILT
SCARF
SLEET
SLEIGH
SNOWFLAKE
SNOWMAN
SNOWSTORM



M	J	H	A	K	K	U	N	A	H	Q	U	I	L	T	B
S	C	A	R	F	S	N	O	W	F	L	A	K	E	T	L
I	G	L	O	O	A	F	I	R	E	P	L	A	C	E	I
E	M	Y	J	D	Z	M	S	N	O	W	M	A	N	E	Z
S	H	O	T	C	H	O	C	O	L	A	T	E	P	L	Z
L	P	S	R	W	H	S	F	F	U	M	R	A	E	S	A
E	B	V	J	T	J	C	K	W	A	N	Z	A	A	X	R
I	Y	H	M	R	O	T	S	W	O	N	S	H	W	G	D
G	Q	F	S	A	M	T	S	I	R	H	C	G	N	V	F
H	L	Z	T	C	F	O	R	M	I	T	T	E	N	S	L