

Random Acts of Kindness is a theme we discuss, plan and put into action every single day of the school year. A parent posted on Facebook what I feel is the perfect sentiment, “Kindness is a gift everyone can afford to give”. September is Miss Kim’s birthday but I do not allow any gifts that have to be purchased. Instead, we spend the month making cards, projects, doing kind deeds and list them during writing time. This year we upped the ante!!! One of our math lessons focused on measurement and recipes. The heat outside had the children thirsty so Lemonade became the recipe of choice. Like a snowball on a steep hill the lesson soon got bigger and bigger taking on a life of its own with the help of the babies and parents! We decided to host a lemonade stand for moms, dads, paps, grandmas, aunts, uncles and anyone else involved in the child’s life. We passed out lemonade to our loved ones and accepted donations. Never in my wildest dreams did I think we would walk away with \$1023...but we did 😊

Phase 2: What to do with the money? This took weeks to decide. Each day we would chart any charities the children would come in and talk about. Finally, the day came to vote for two charities to donate money to. The American Red Cross & CYS “Stuff A Sleigh” were the winners!

Phase 3: Students experiencing the happiness that comes with giving! The local Red Cross representative came and talked with the class and each student handed them \$20 bills until the total amount of \$500 was donated. I then divided the remaining \$523 by 19 which totaled \$27.50 per child. Individual Walmart gift cards were purchased and handed out to each child. Their families then took their child shopping to purchase gifts to donate. The children were thrilled as they sent me photos from Walmart to show me what they picked out for less fortunate children. Circle time conversations could bring the hardest of hearts to tears when the children talked about helping other children!

December will come and go but the Wharton Pre-K Class will continue the lessons and random acts of kindness through June. “It is in giving of ourselves that we receive.”

