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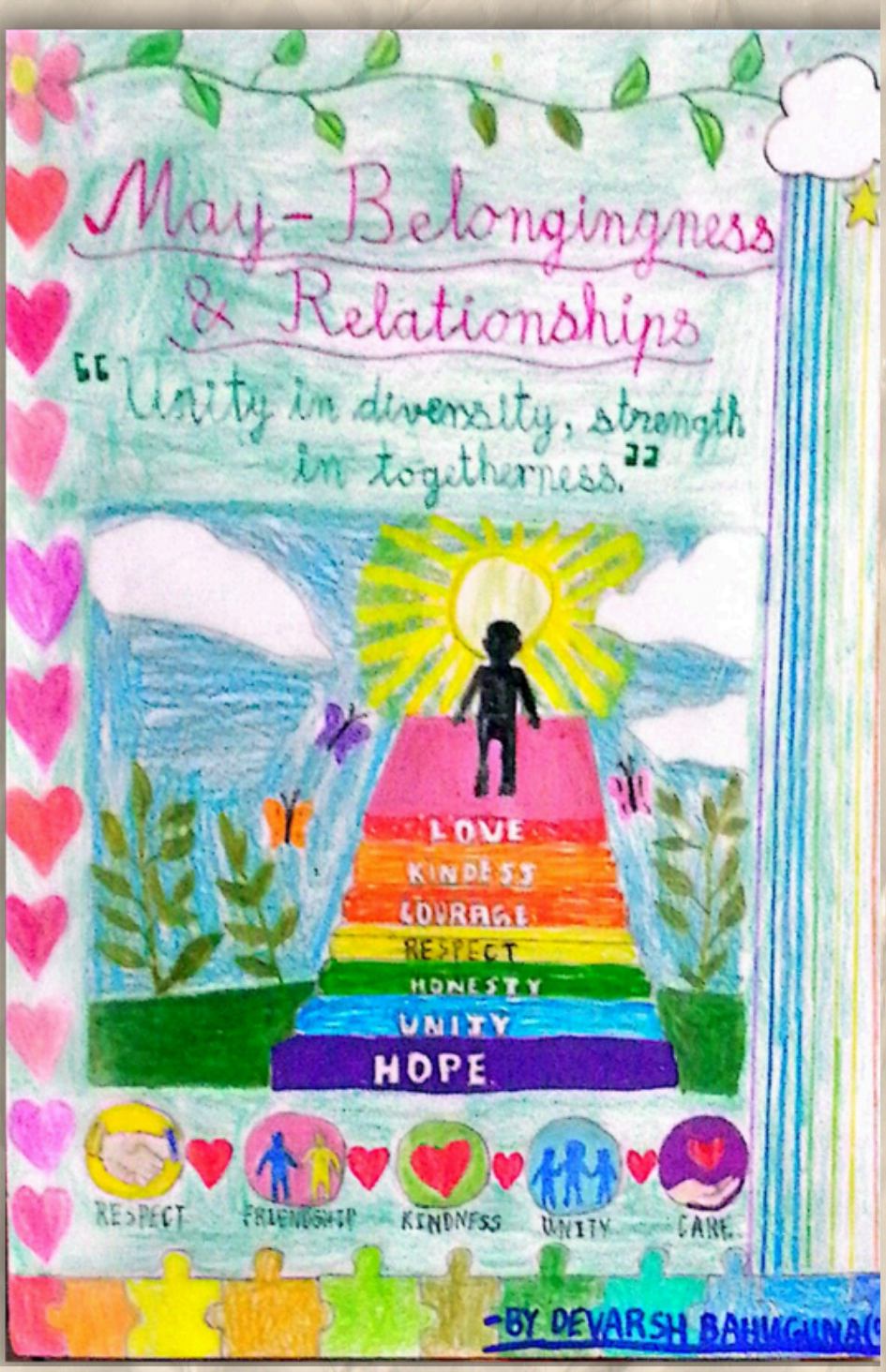


FRIENDSHIP & BELONGING

Counselor's Corner

Dear Credennians,

It has been an absolute delight to review your submissions for the first edition of your very own student journal- Credence Blooms! True to its name, this journal is a space for ideas, creativity, and self-expression to flourish, celebrating the unique voices and talents within our school community. This was created for your voices to be heard, your creativity to shine and your talents to be celebrated.

The May theme, Friendship & Belonging, brought forth a beautiful range of experiences, reflections, and creative expressions. Your stories and artworks were heartfelt, thoughtful and filled with meaningful messages for the entire school community. It was especially heartening to see your honest reflections on the complexities of friendship too because meaningful relationships often involve vulnerability, misunderstanding and growth. Your submissions reflected empathy, emotional awareness, and a wonderful capacity for meaningful connection.

Remember, friendship and belonging are built through kindness, effort, open communication and care. Choose friendships and spaces that make you feel valued and proud to belong.

We look forward to seeing such enthusiastic participation every month, and we cannot wait to hear your thoughts and witness the many creative ways each theme comes alive through your work.

-The Wellbeing Team

Kindly note that all submissions are subject to editorial review and may be edited where necessary to ensure suitability for publication, while preserving the original intent of the work.

THE SUNNY SIDE OF FRIENDSHIP

A friend is like a warm sun
Who makes the school day
much more fun.
They hear your stories, start
to finish,
And make your worries all
diminish.
If you are sad or feeling low,
They're the best person that
you know.
In every sport or classroom
chore,
A faithful friend gives so
much more.



Madhura Dhar Biswas
Grade 3D



True Friendship

A good friend listens when you speak
Helps you stand when you feel weak,
They share their snacks, their laughs, their time,
And cheer you on as you grow and climb.

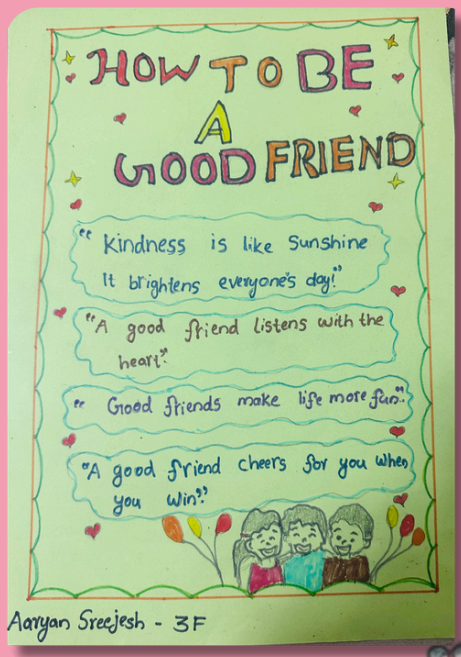
A good friend is honest, loyal and kind.
With caring words and an open mind, they stay
beside you through joy and tears,
Bringing comfort through the years.

They don't tease or leave you out.
Instead, they help you remove your doubts.
They say,"You can!" when things are rough, because
true friendship is strong enough.

So if you want a friend who's true,
be the kind friend others need too.
A litte kindness everyday,
can make new friendships bloom and stay.

Ryaan Vimal
Grade 5B





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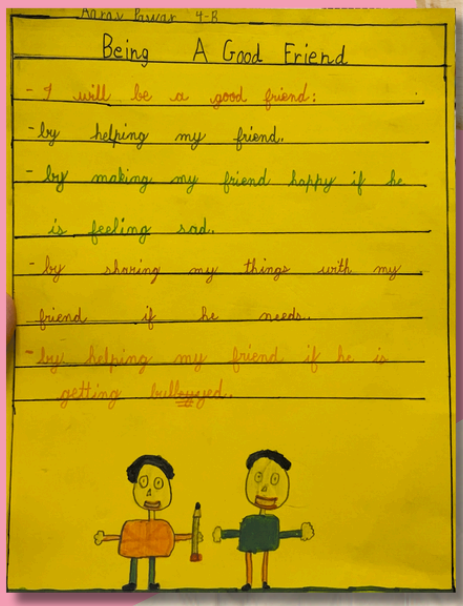

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Avyaansh Bhatnagar
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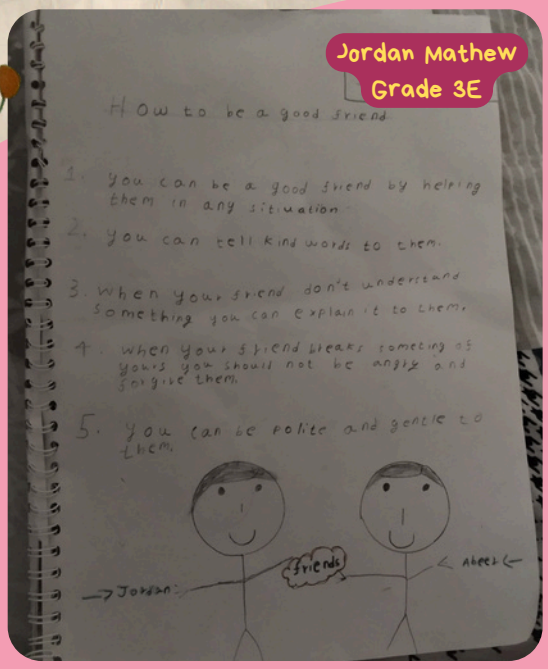
Friendship Bracelet

Mohammed Bilal
Grade 4C





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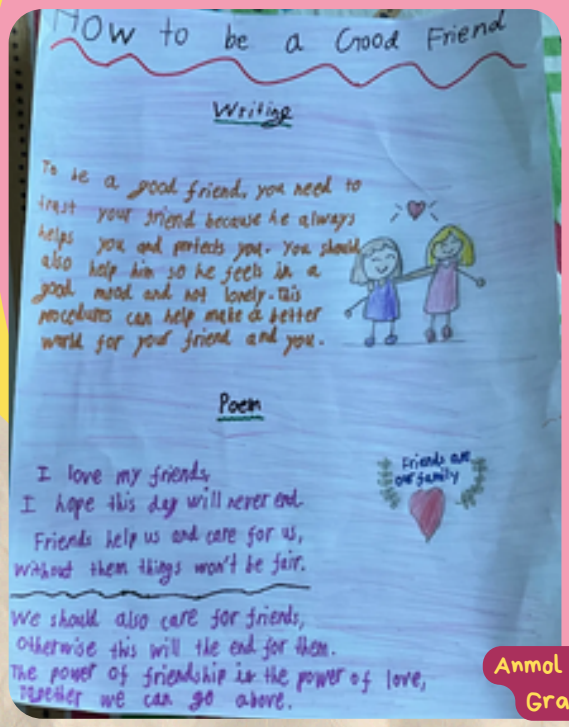

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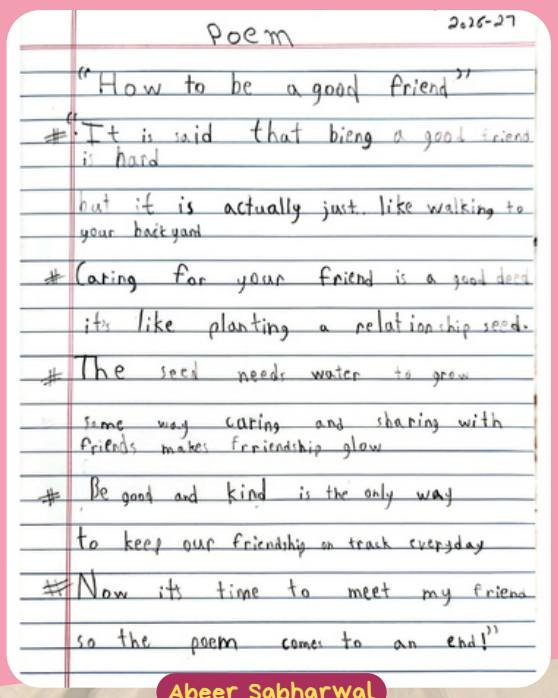

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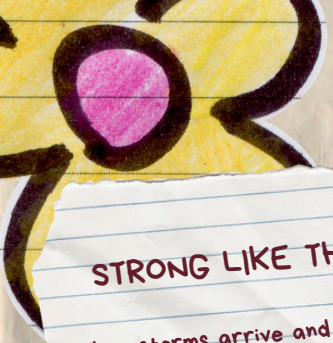


STRONG LIKE THE TREES

When storms arrive and skies turn gray,
You stand beside me any way.
Through every laugh and through every
tear, I know that you are always near.
Not just for fun, not just for play, But
in the hardest time's of day.
You lift me up when I feel small,
You help me rise, you help me stand tall.
Like roots that hold through wind and
rain, Our friendship grows through joy
and pain.
No matter where the road may bend,
Forever you - my truest friend.

Thisari
Grade 5A



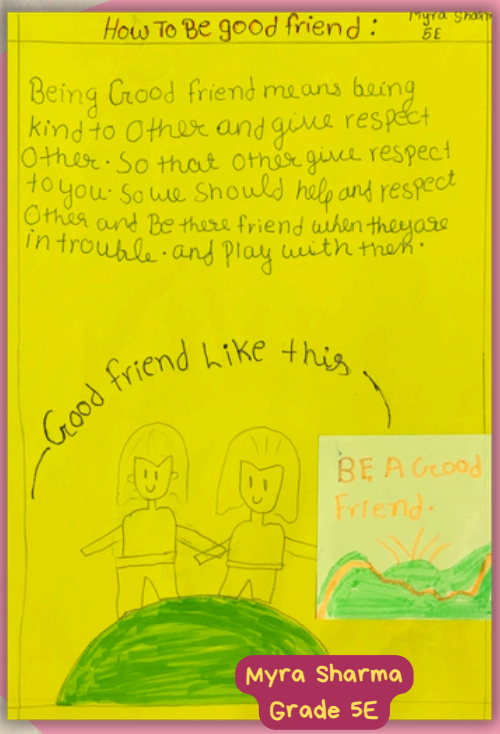
How to be a good friend

A good friend is kind
and sweet, always sharing toys and treats.
A good friend will laugh and play
and help others everyday.
A good friend speaks and loves to help
and share.
A good friend is always true and I
can be a good friend too!

Heyman Preet
Grade 2B







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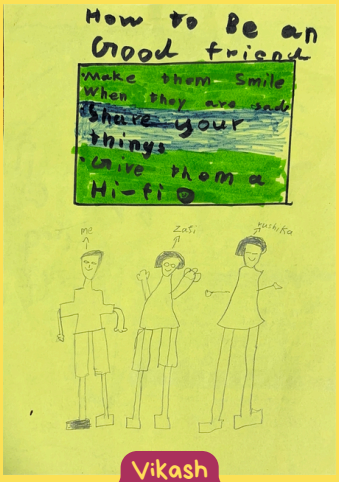

Vikash
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HONESTY

A friend is someone who cares and shares. They are like family, but something more valuable than anything is honesty. It is our policy. It is the one thing you should work on more. It can help in reality. It is so good. If you are in a fight and the teacher calls you, you should say the truth even if you started it. It is the best you can do. To be bright, you have to say the truth.

Aizah
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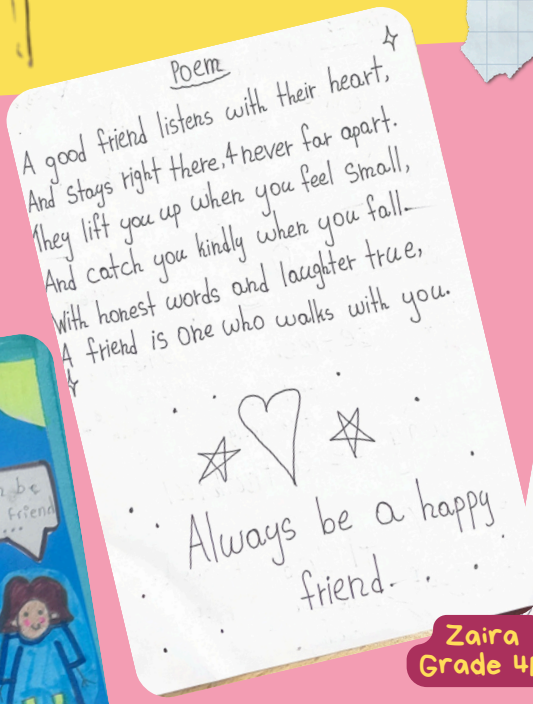



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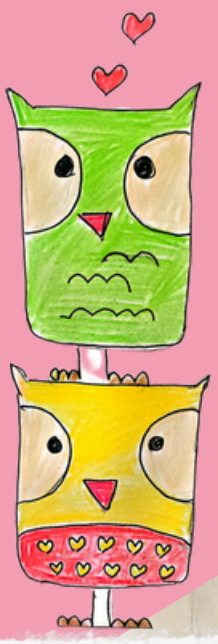

HOW TO BE A GOOD FRIEND

How To Be a Good Friend

1. A good friend is readily available to help you in difficult times.
2. Your friend will never let you feel inferior when you are sad.
3. A good friend is like your family outside your home.
4. There is no age limitation in true friendship.
5. A good friend will never talk bad about you behind your back.

Anvit S Pawar
Grade 2D





To be a good friend, we need to be kind and helpful, we need to help everybody. If we become kind and help each other, they will like us and want to be our friend. We should care for others the way we would like to be cared for.

Meehan
Grade 4E

We can help our friends.
We can behave well with our friends.
We can share our stuffs with them.
We can make them feel comfortable.
We can talk and play with our friends.
We can help our friends complete their work.
We can invite them to our celebrations.
We can share our food with them.
We can share our secret with our friend.

Noman Khan
Grade 3F

How to be a good friend

A good friend is kind, caring, and helpful. A good friend shares toys, speaks politely, and listens when others are talking. Good friends help each other when someone is sad. Good friends never tease others. A friend also tells the truth and says sorry after making a mistake. Friends should play together happily and give fair chances to everyone. When we are kind to others, we can make strong and wonderful friendships.

Bhavya
Grade 3C



WHAT MAKES A GOOD FRIEND?

1. The most important thing is for them to be kind
2. They should be funny and laugh along with you
3. They treat you equally and fair
4. They do not bully anyone

Zaid Adil Khan
Grade 4C

Good friends are kind, caring, and helpful to each other. They share their toys, play together, and take turns. A good friend listens when their friend is talking or sharing ideas with them. We can help our friends if they are hurt. Sometimes, when our friends feel sad, we can cheer them up or talk with them. Friends should always tell the truth and say kind words. Being a good friend also means using magic words. When we make mistakes, we can say "sorry." When we are kind and respectful, we can make many happy friendships. To be a good friend is the best idea.

Varnika
Grade 2D

How to be a good friend

We could share things
We could learn new things from each other
We could do some activity together
Be together and learn things!

Samrakshana
Grade 5D



TO BE A GOOD FRIEND

Listen more than you speak,
Hold Space when the world feels bleak.
Show up late with coffee, not just cheer,
Love them loud in their worst year.
Tell the truth, but keep it kind-
Leave no one guessing where you stand.
Celebrate small wins like they're grand,
And when they fall, Lend your hand.

Abaan Ansari
Grade 3A

Friendship is a special bond that makes life happier. Being a good friend is about spreading kindness and making others feel loved and supported. Thank you <3

Jiana Jojee
Grade 2G



WHO IS A GOOD FRIEND?

Have you imagined a kind of friend
who doesn't leave till the very end?
She always has a hand to lend
and on friendship days, greetings she'll send

Imagine the endless laughs she'll give
Without her you probably won't live
The fun day while roaming around
creating memories with every sound

On sleepovers she's the first you'll invite
Or on the beach you'd together fly kites
Maybe in kitchens, baking you'd do
The poem has come to an end so THANKYOU!

Kanaka R
Grade 5A

A good friend is kind every day,
And always knows the right thing to say.
They cheer you up when you feel sad,
And make your days not so bad.
A good friend is honest and fair,
And always shows they really care.
I will try my best each day,
To be a good friend in every way.

Riyona D'souza
Grade 4E





To Be a Good Friend

Be kind and honest, brave and true,
That's what a good friend likes to do.
Share your laughter, help, and time,
And friendship grows like a happy rhyme.
Friends are people who stay near,
To make you smile and bring you cheer.
They tell you the truth and lend a hand,
And always try to understand.
A good friend is kind each day,
They help in every way.
They listen well and always share,
And show their friends how much they care.

Paakhi
G 5D



Shannon
Grade 4E

Friendship is a bond which we need to stay healthy and stress-free always. The little chatting and running around can change our perspectives. Friends comprehend our thought and give us theirs. This creates a relationships between us and our friends. All of us should understand and thank the friends who included us in their Lives.

Harsh Kumar Khare
Grade 6E

FRIENDSHIP AND BELONGINGS

Friendship is like finding a warm, bright spot on a cold day. It's that awesome feeling of belonging — knowing you have a crew that totally gets your jokes and has your back when things get rough. When you're with a real friend, you don't have to pretend to be someone else. You can just be yourself, whether you're laughing until your stomach hurts or just sitting quietly together. Belonging means you aren't just a face in the crowd; you're an important part of the team. It's like being a puzzle piece that finally clicks into the right spot. Friends are the people who listen to your stories and remember the little things that matter to you. They are the anchors that keep you from drifting away when life feels a bit messy or confusing. In the end, friendship makes the world feel smaller and much friendlier. It's the secret ingredient that turns a regular school day into an adventure. Having a place where you truly belong is the best gift ever, because it proves that no matter what happens, you never have to walk down the hall alone.

Connected by hearts, bound by belonging.
Friendship is where you find home.
Different roots, same beautiful garden.
True friends create perfect spaces.
Where you are known is where you belong.
Side by side, exactly where we fit.
Shared laughter, permanent ties.
Acceptance begins with friendship.

Sridha Sreekanth
Grade 6A



BLESSING OF BELONGING

The bell for the break rings,
the corridor moves in waves.
Laughter bounces off the walls,
the comfort in it rings.

Walking in groups,
everyone speaking at once.
clocks rushing past,
every second pulling us—
into the next chapter.

Not memories we chase,
just laughter in the moment.
Friendships forming mid-sentence,
Moments we don't notice happening

Belonging in the air,
not only in loud jokes—
but also in an empty chair,
saved in hopes.

Belonging isn't always loud,
but when it speaks—
It drowns the crowd.

Zaina
Grade 9A

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Friendships And Belongings

School isn't just about books and grades,
It's also about the people we meet.
The friends who make us laugh for no reason,
And make normal days feel complete.

Belonging means feeling accepted,
Like you don't have to pretend to fit in.
It's knowing someone will save you a seat,
Or wait for you instead of just walking in.

Good friends make hard days easier,
And happy moments even better.
They remind us that we are never alone,

Even during stressful times together.

Friendship may seem small sometimes,
But it can change everything in a big way.
Because having people who care about you
Can brighten even the worst day.

-Anvita Padhy

Anvita Padhy
Grade 8D

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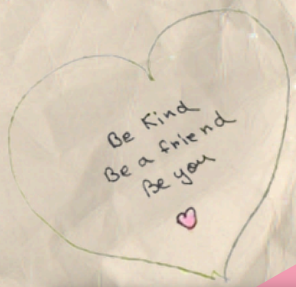

Shailaja Kumari
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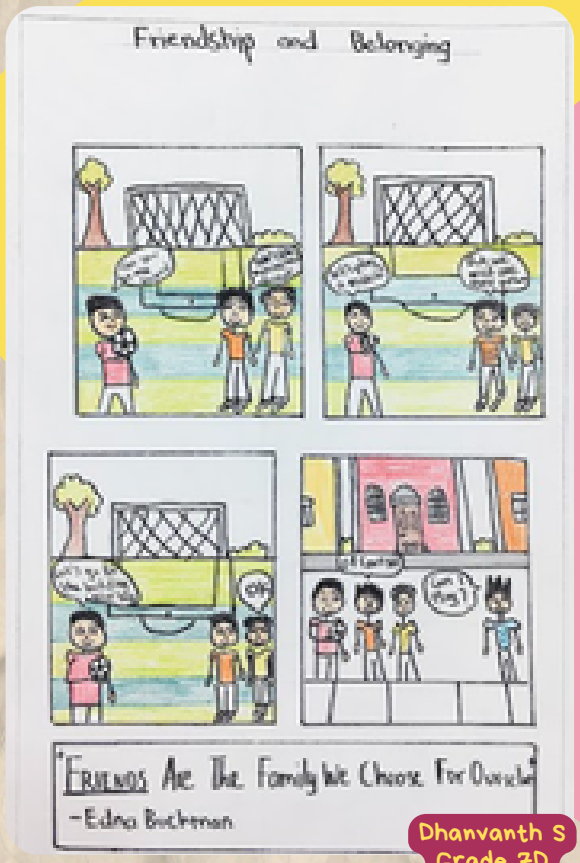

Dhanvanth S
Grade 7D

THE LETTER OF A REMINDER

To a weary and seemingly lonely soul,

I may not know how heavy the air feels or how your atmosphere has been filled with emotions you are not able to control. But what I do know is that you are convinced you stand alone in this darkness, watching from the horizon as your world moves on in a blur of reality while you remain somehow perfectly still. You must feel like a ghost in your own life, the invisible and forgotten kind. However I also know that your life is a truth that your very silence often hides. So I want you to know that you are held up by these bonds called 'friends'. These are the people who surround you and your tangled, messy existence. I can assure you that they are the ones who will catch you when the ground finally falls apart. "You never have to be someone else you to be loved, or to belong.", a friend of mine told this to me in days of yore. Your feeling of loneliness isn't what's stopping you ,it's the very emotion where the light of your true friends can crack your silence to finally reach you.
As a fellow soul and being, I would like to say that when your own burden feels like too much to carry, remember that you have friends who are willing to ease the load of it. I wish you to realize these bonds so that you may finally break your silence that's keeping you quiet.

Yours Truly,
A Reminder
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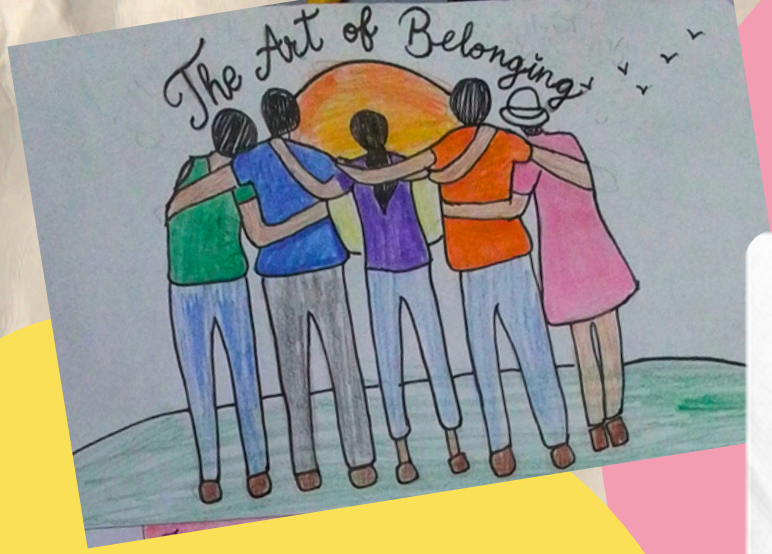
Sruhit Varshil
Grade 10C









To care for friends is what I love to do,
Make them feel happy till we're blue
Go to the park and play football,
Or even maybe go to the mall.
Have an ice cream in summer time,
Eat grape bubble gum or lime.
Always we will play together,
We are friends forever!
Through laughter, dreams and rainy days,
True friendship shines in countless ways.
A helping hand, a gentle smile,
Can make hard moments feel worthwhile.
No matter how far life may bend,
A true companion will still defend.
For friendship is a golden thread,
Connecting hearts wherever led.
So here's to memories yet to grow,
To endless kindness we will show.
Because with friends beside us near,
Life becomes brighter every year.

Vernika Singh,
Grade 7B



A Postcard from Round Square

Finding Belonging Through Shared Experiences

By Mikaela Yuri Constantino Baybay, Grade 11 B

The Round Square Postcard Event held on May 6, 2026, brought together students from schools across the world to discuss the important topic of the *'Impact of Academic Pressure on Mental Health of Students'*. More than just an exchange of ideas, the event became a meaningful space where students could openly share their thoughts, experiences, and emotions while building connections with one another.

The discussion highlighted how academic pressure affects students in different ways and emphasized the importance of awareness, empathy, and support. Listening to students from diverse backgrounds made me realize that although we may live in different countries and cultures, many of us experience similar struggles. This understanding created a strong sense of belonging and reminded us that we are never truly alone in what we face.

One of the most valuable aspects of the event was the opportunity to connect with students who understood these challenges firsthand. Through honest conversations and shared experiences, we were able to encourage one another, exchange perspectives, and think collaboratively about possible solutions. It was inspiring to witness how simple conversations could create feelings of comfort, acceptance, and community.

Personally, the experience gave me an entirely new perspective. It taught me that even the smallest worries deserve to be acknowledged and that there are always people willing to listen, support, and create change. The event strengthened my belief that relationships built on empathy and understanding can help individuals feel seen, heard, and valued.

The Round Square Postcard Event was not only a discussion about academic pressure, but also a reminder of the power of human connection. In a world where students often feel overwhelmed, spaces like these foster belongingness, compassion, and meaningful relationships that truly make a difference.

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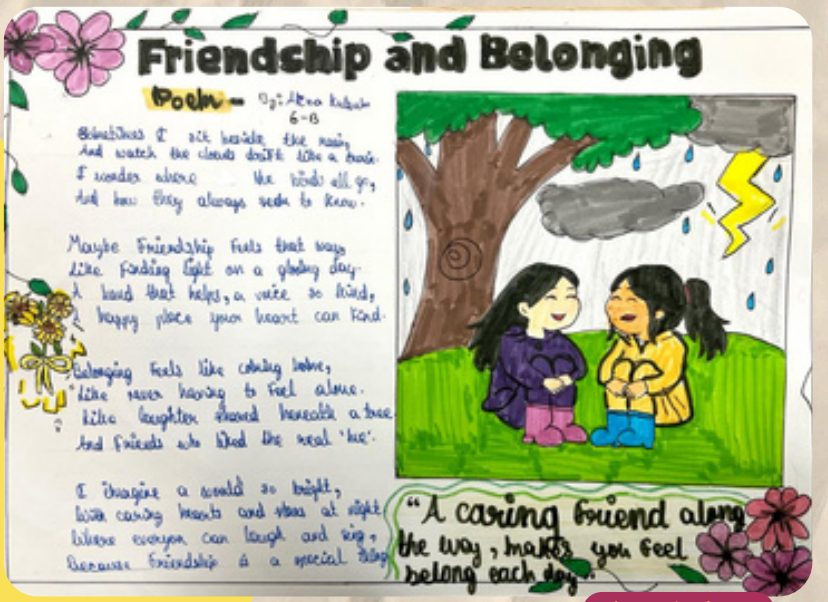

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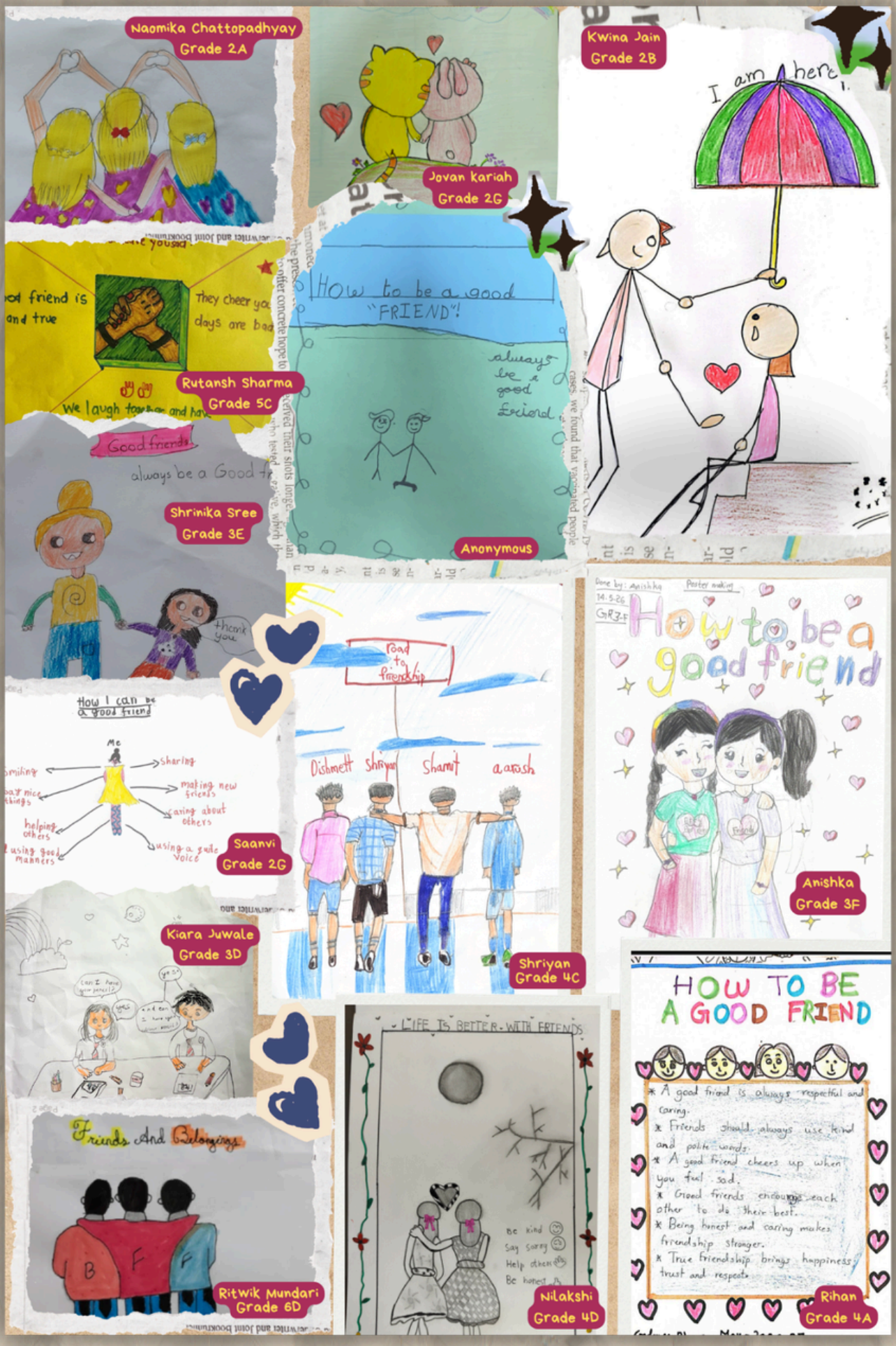
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Jovan Kariah
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Kwina Jain
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I am here.
Rutansh Sharma
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Shriyan
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using a gentle voice
using good manners
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Kiara Juwale
Grade 3D
LIFE IS BETTER WITH FRIENDS
Be kind
Say sorry
Help others
Be honest
Nilakshi
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HOW TO BE A GOOD FRIEND
* A good friend is always respectful and caring.
* Friends should always use kind and polite words.
* A good friend cheers up when you feel sad.
* Good friends encourage each other to do their best.
* Being honest and caring makes friendship stronger.
* True friendship brings happiness, trust and respect.
Rihan
Grade 4A
Friends And Belongings
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Ritwik Mundari
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Janaine
Grade 4E
Devarsh Bahuguna
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"Unity in diversity, strength in togetherness"
LOVE
KINDNESS
HONESTY
UNITY
HOPE
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USE POLITE WORDS
USE MAGICAL WORDS
BE KIND
BE POLITE
Thank you for helping me in my homework
You are welcome
What do you wanna play?
Let's play Cricket!
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Adhikshid Nath
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Vidit Gumaste
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The Girl of Hanx Mountain



In the faraway land of Hanx mountain, there lived a girl named Pixel. She was a kind and friendly child who loved to be helpful to others. However, Pixel often felt a deep sense of loneliness. Because her parents worked long hours, she spent much of her time alone, and since she lived in a quiet town where she could not meet children her own age, making friends was very difficult. To solve this, she created imaginary characters and would talk to them by writing them long letters.

After a few weeks, Pixel's parents noticed a change in her behavior. She remained upset most of the time, so they decided to ask her what was happening. During lunchtime, her mother spoke up: "What happened, Pixel? I notice you are very upset." Pixel replied, "Mom, I feel lonely. I want friends to play and talk with." Her mother felt bad that they hadn't realized sooner, saying, "If you had told us earlier, we would have helped you."

Pixel's father then had a wonderful idea. Because both sets of parents worked together as colleagues, he realized that his co-workers also had children who were likely lonely when their parents were at the office. "If you like, I'll invite my colleague to our house," he said. "He has children of your age." Pixel could hardly believe it—was she really going to get a friend?

On the day of the meet-up, new children were waiting to be Pixel's friends.
A girl stepped forward and asked, "Hi, I'm Xaira, what's your name?" Pixel introduced herself and eagerly invited them to many games. Xaira introduced her brothers Xever and Alex, and the four of them played together for a long time. Pixel was so happy that she could not even hide her joy; her happiness showed in her eyes. Xaira shared that she had also been lonely, knowing Pixel was the perfect friend. When it was time to leave, Xaira sobbed, "I never want to be away from Pixel!"

Remembering the empty home next door, Pixel's dad suggested, "Why not move into the vacant flat next to us?" Xaira's dad agreed, and soon the family shifted into the flat next to Pixel's.
At the end, Pixel no longer had to rely on imaginary characters or letters. While their parents worked, the children played together, and Pixel and Xaira became the very best of friends who were always close to each other.

The End

Safiya Sheikh
Grade 6D



A Place Called School

Disclaimer: This story is about a boy who chooses not to reveal his name. Even the names of other students have been omitted for privacy, and they are referred to as Boy 1 and Boy 2.

A new school year had begun in Grade 8. I considered myself a good student and often helped my teachers, which unfortunately led some students to make fun of me. I chose to ignore it and continued with my routine. Eventually, it became exhausting and deeply upsetting.

I stopped sharing my school experiences with my parents. I would stay silent, even when asked how my day was, while struggling internally. Eventually, I could no longer hold it in and broke down in front of my parents. I told them I wanted to live my life in peace, not in pieces.

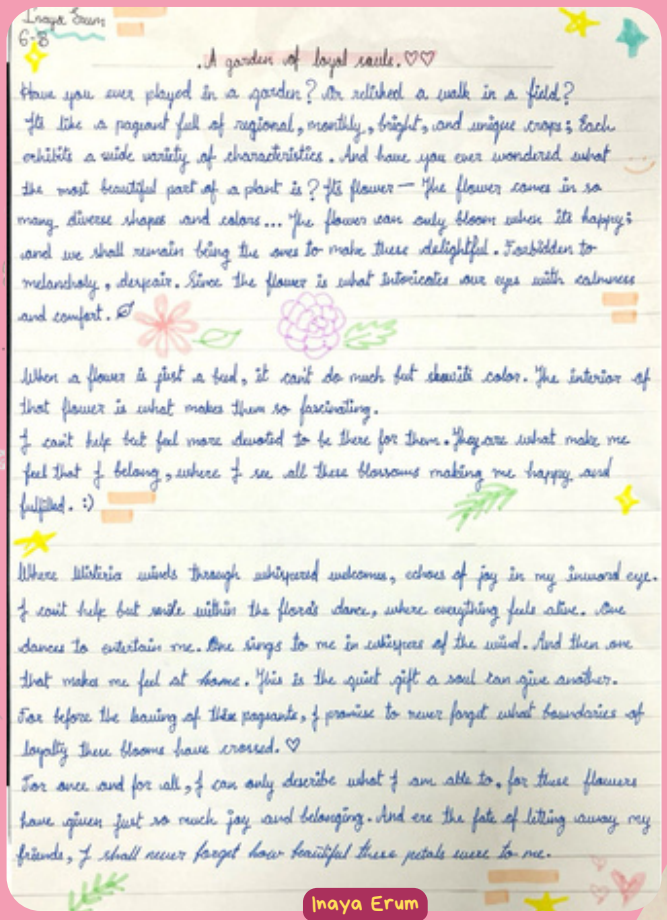
My parents immediately approached the school, and the matter was taken up by the teachers and the supervisor. Boy 1 and Boy 2 were called in and appropriate steps were taken to address the situation.

Today, I feel much better supported and more at peace in school. I have learned that while difficult experiences can affect us deeply, speaking up can bring change.

In Hindi, there is an idiom that says stories often end with happiness—and I hope mine reflects that too.

Anonymous Submission





Inaya Erum
Grade 6B

When hearts feel like Home

Belonging is a strange feeling.
Sometimes you can stand in a crowded room
and still feel completely alone.
And sometimes, one single person
can make you feel like you finally matter.

I think relationships are not only about
family or friendship or love.
They are about comfort.
About knowing that somewhere in this
world,
there are people who understand your
silence
without asking you to explain it.

A real connection is not always loud.
It is not always big speeches
or dramatic moments like in movies.
Sometimes it is very small things.

A friend saving you a seat in class.
Someone remembering your favorite snack.
Your mother asking if you ate dinner
even when she is tired herself.
A simple "Are you okay?"
at exactly the right moment.

These small things may seem ordinary,
but they make people feel seen.
And I think that is what belonging truly
means
feeling seen, accepted, and wanted
without pretending to be someone else.

There are times when relationships break.
People drift apart.
Words become shorter.
Replies become slower.
And suddenly, someone who once knew
every detail about your life
feels like a stranger.

That pain teaches us something too.
It teaches us to value the people
who stay.

The people who listen.
The people who forgive.
The people who choose you
again and again,
even on difficult days.

In the end, I think everyone is searching
for the same thing
a place where they can be fully themselves
without fear of being judged.

And maybe belonging is not really a place at
all.
Maybe it is a person.
Or a group of people
who make your heart feel lighter
just because they are there.

Not because people are meant to be possessed,
but because connection this honest
is rare enough
to feel almost divine.

Manaal
Grade 9A

Sarah Waseem 6A

"They say you can't choose your family, but you can choose your tribe. For a long time I thought belonging was something you had to audition for - a performance of being 'enough' to fit into a space.

But as I looked deeper into the stories that bought me here today, I realized that true belonging isn't a stage; it's a safety net. It's the quiet, unsung architecture of friendship.

Some people think that friendship is about having a bloodline between two, but I know that they're missing the factors: Bonding and love-ship when you bond, you communicate, and that is kin-ship.

In a friendship, we don't have to be perfect to belong, we just have to be present."

Sarah Waseem
Grade 6A



Acrostic Poem On Friend

F - Forever together,
Laying hands in hand
R - Relishing every moment,
Without creating new lies
I - Inside our hearts, each story
lies
E - Enduring, Engaging and
Educating each other,
N - Never going unnoticed, though
D - Date, Distance, Duration
S - Secretly smiling, come and go

Mohammed Ashraf Ullah
Grade 8D



A Poem On A Friend

My Dear Friend,

You are the most amazing person,
You're very honest and kind,
You did the opposite of making my
life worsen,
Because you were on my side.

Every second of my life,
I will never forget,
The time we had a vibe,
The one I will never regret.
-Anvie Gupta

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Anvie Gupta
Grade 6E

"When will I fit in?"

"Look, look, look..
what a child you've made."
A scream, a cry..
that's all they say.
"Be perfect," they say. "Be brilliant," they
say. That's all they say..
Smile, smile, smile..
that's all they say.
Paper after paper,
"You should have done better,"
that's all they say.
They speak of teenage dreams like glittering
skies, while I count sleepless nights.
Why, why, why..
must I carry this pain,
just for adults to say,
"It's for your own good", at the end of the
day.

by Theres grade 9D

Theres
Grade 9D

Name: Class: Date:

Scrabble

Create as many words with the letters on the tiles. You can use all the tiles for each word.
You are not allowed to use any extra letters. If you have 2 tiles with the letter 'A', your word can not have more than 2 A's

Good Luck!

Friendships and Belonging Word Scramble

A fun word scramble activity that helps students explore the meaning of friendship, kindness, and belonging.



Write your words here:

Words	Points	Words	Points	Words	Points	Words	Points
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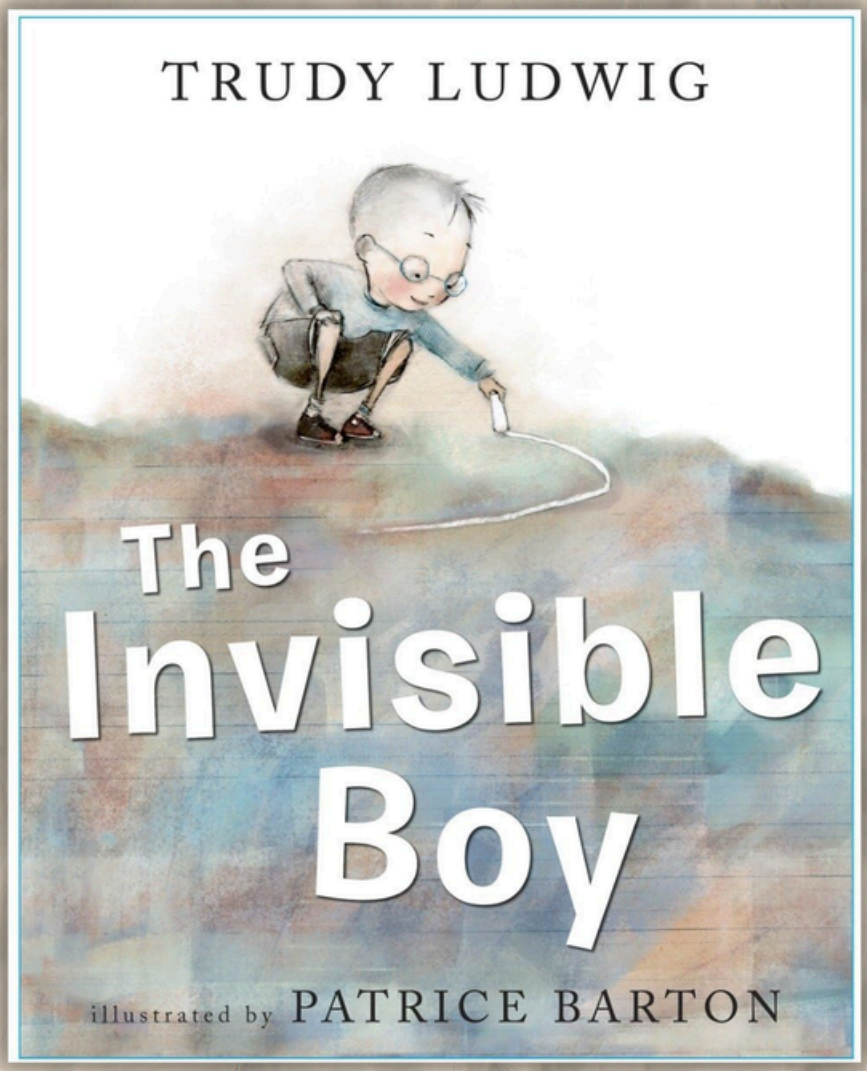
The Reading Well: Monthly Picks



The Invisible Boy by Trudy Ludwig

A gentle story that teaches how small acts of kindness can help children feel included and allow them to flourish, suitable for ages 6-9.

Answer Sheet

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The words used for this puzzle:

Kind	Care	Share	Trust
Team	Help	Listening	Supportive
Connection	Understanding	Respectful	Inclusion
Loyalty	Acceptance	Family	

Scoring the game. There are different ways to count the score.
1. The one with the most words wins.
2. The one who has used the most letters wins.
3. The one who has the highest letter value (count the small numbers in the lower right corner) wins.

Thank you for sharing your thoughts, talents, and creativity!

We can't wait to see what blooms in the next issue of Credence Blooms.

