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Parenting Resources

Take Time for Family Service

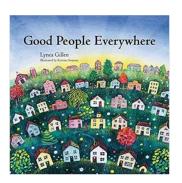
- Take advantage of the holidays to involve your family in community service. This article discusses the benefits of volunteering for adults and kids and suggests ways to find the right project for your crew.
- Creativity is a powerful tool for learning, and developing a child's imagination is a step toward learning empathy. This site has ideas for creative projects to help others, such as making cards for nursing home residents or decorating lunch bags for Meals on Wheels.
- <u>Learn about DFW volunteer events</u> through Wee Volunteer, an organization that connects preschool and elementary kids with local charity groups. Adults can schedule an activity just for their family or join an ongoing Wee Volunteer event.



The Librarian Recommends....

Slow Down and Say Thanks

PBS Parents has created a list of <u>picture books to help</u> <u>children focus on the importance of gratitude</u>. Find these titles at your local school or public library and share with a child for whom you're thankful this holiday season. -- *Newsletter author Susi Parks Grissom is a former school librarian and counselor.*



STEAM Activities & Games

Create a Birdfeeder

Extend an interest in service to include the birds with this activity from Curious George. You and your child can create a feeder from an empty 2-liter plastic bottle. Kids will enjoy collecting and recording data about the types and numbers of birds that frequent their feeder. Add art by including sketches of various feeder visitors.



Get Up & Go! Art&Seek Activities for Families

Fun for Kids of All Ages

The holiday season presents North Texas with a cornucopia of family fun. Upcoming free opportunities include the Home for the Holidays festival in McKinney's historic downtown, a children's book reading and art project at Dallas Public Library's NorthPark mall site and the annual Fort Worth Parade of Lights. Find more seasonal activities across the area in KERA's Art&Seek Jr. event guide.



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Taking a Break

Full STEAM Ahead will be off eating turkey next week and will return the first week of December.



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