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Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service

Make your celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day “a day on, not a day off.” This year, thousands of people will do just that by volunteering.

SEEDS OF LEARNING AND SERVICE

AMHERST, MA – Every spring, kids at the Common School in Amherst, plant pumpkins and proceed to learn how to care for them. And from these seeds come study and service.

In the fall, after they harvest the pumpkins, students practice math skills by weighing them and counting the seeds.

The learning continues as they measure ingredients to make dozens of loaves of pumpkin bread, which they donate to the nearby senior center.

Service Ideas

The kids in Mrs. Kelsey’s class painted some posters to give kids ideas about the kinds of things they can do to help in their neighborhood. But they fell off the line while drying and got mixed up.

Can you match the two halves of each poster?

Read the above article and identify each of the following:

WHO: _____

WHAT: _____

WHEN: _____

WHERE: _____

Standards Link: Civics: Students understand the importance of volunteering as a characteristic of American society (e.g., people should volunteer to help others in their family, schools and communities).

Take a look at this list of MLK, Jr. Day of Service ideas. Then look at each picture. Number the project you think each kid chose in the circles.

1. Clearing an elderly neighbor’s sidewalk.
2. Collecting canned goods for a food bank.
3. Help coach a younger child’s team.
4. Help a neighbor with some yard work.
5. Play a game at the senior center.



Trash-bag Team

The volunteer coordinator asked four students to collect as many bags of garbage as they could find in the park. How many did each student find? Use the clues to complete the chart.

- The 4 students filled a total of 15 bags.
- No one filled more than 7 bags.
- None of the students filled the same number of bags.
- Cassidy filled 5 bags.
- Owen filled 3 less than Cassidy.
- Sam filled the most bags.

Students	Bags
CASSIDY	
OWEN	
BODIE	
SAM	
TOTAL	15

How many stars can you find on this page in 60 seconds? Now have a friend try. Who found the most?



Extra! Extra!

Helping Others

Look through the newspaper to find:

- ☐ An organization that helps others
- ☐ A person helping others
- ☐ Adjectives about helping
- ☐ Martin Luther King, Jr. Day events

Standards Link: Civics: Know how various American holidays reflect values, principles and beliefs of Americans.

ANSWER: Cassidy filled 5 bags, Owen filled 2 bags, Bodie filled 1 bag and Sam filled 7 bags.

Kid Scoop Puzzler



What’s a great way you can help someone today?

Starting at the R, move clockwise around the circle and write every third letter on the lines to find out something you can do today to help someone.

R _____

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Kid Scoop Word Search

SERVICE TUTOR DONATE VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY SENIOR SUPPORT PROMOTE COLLECT ENERGY KING LOAVES SEEDS CARE POSTER

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

S	S	D	E	E	S	B	R	C	T
U	Y	G	R	E	N	E	E	O	C
P	D	O	N	A	T	E	E	M	E
P	P	I	E	I	C	A	T	M	L
O	O	V	O	I	K	L	N	U	L
R	S	E	V	A	O	L	U	N	O
T	T	R	O	T	U	T	L	I	C
U	E	A	P	R	O	M	O	T	E
S	R	C	N	T	E	E	V	Y	R

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Thank You Ads

Find ads in the newspaper that thank and acknowledge community volunteers. Create a newspaper “Thank You” ad for participation in a Book Drive. Contact your local newspaper to find out the cost of running this ad.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.



Why was the broom late?

ANSWER: It overswept.

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