

GIFT OF GIVING 2023

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Card for a Bus Driver:
Make a homemade card for your bus driver(s) and thank them for getting you places safely every day.

Write to a Friend Month:
Help students to write to someone in another school, near or far away. Making a connection through writing can provide the means to make more meaningful connections with others.

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National Stress-Free Family Holiday Month: The holiday season can be stressful for you and your family members for many different reasons. Consider these tips for **Maintaining Mental Wellness During the Holidays**.

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National Sock Day:
Exchange a crazy pair of socks with a friend or family member.

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International Volunteer Day: Do something! Team up with a local nonprofit or relief center in order to do more good from your classroom, library, or school. Visit **DoSomething.org** for more ways to help.

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Inclusive Schools Week:
Give someone the gift of companionship, recognizing the gifts of your classmates. Check out Inclusive Schools Network's **online resources** for activities and downloads.

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Hanukkah Begins at Sunset: Share **Hanukkah Haiku** by Harriet Ziefert, illustrated by Karla Gudeon, which uses the traditional Japanese poetic form to celebrate the eight nights of Hanukkah.

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Help Those in Need:
Make **"on the go"** bags to give to those who are in need (**be sure to read what people really want in care bags**).

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Gift of Reading:
Donate books to a local library, school, hospital, doctor's office or other common area in your community.

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Human Rights: On the 74th anniversary of the **Universal Declaration of Human Rights** give your voice, with others around the world, and stand up for equality, justice, and human dignity.

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National Hi Neighbor Month: Do something kind for your neighbors this month. Learn who lives by you and offer to help them when the opportunity arises.

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Gift of Gratefulness:
Make a card or piece of art for your parents, grandparents, guardians to thank them for taking such good care of you!

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Make a New Friend: Introduce yourself to someone in school you don't know.

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Letter to a Mail Carrier: Write a letter to your local mail carrier and thank them for their service.

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Chocolate-Covered Anything Day:
Chocolate lovers go wild! Today's your day.

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Feed the Animals:
Donate food to an animal shelter. It's a good idea to call ahead and see what food is best or if they have special needs.

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Share a Toy:
Choose new or gently used toys to donate to a toy drive.

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Share the Spirit: Give a friend or sibling Spirit Wear t-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, or other items that you've outgrown.

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Teacher Appreciation:
Teachers are an important person in a child's life. Show how much you care by writing thank you notes to your teachers.

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Give a Bookmark:
Make homemade bookmarks to leave in library books. Write a note to let them know it should be used and shared.

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Yule Begins: These **Great Ways to Celebrate Yule With Kids** include doing something good for someone else and creating something new.

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Universal Human Rights Month: Youth for Human Rights has a free interactive course for students to give themselves the gift of knowledge and learn more about human rights.

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Family Time:
Pick an activity as a family (board games, trivia, mealtime) anything that gets you all together and gives you quality time with one another.

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Gift of Connection:
Call or FaceTime someone that you love

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Christmas Day: Do you know of any readers who plot to stay up and finally catch Santa Claus at work? **The Great Santa Stakeout** by Betsy Bird, illustrated by Dan Santat, will be just the right book for them!

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Kwanzaa Begins: Learn more about Kwanzaa by visiting the **official Kwanzaa website** or in a book such as **Seven Spools of Tread: A Kwanzaa Story** by Angela Shelf Medearis, illustrated by Daniel Minter.

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Read a New Book Month: Set a challenge for yourself this month to read at least one book you've never read before. Be sure to share what you read!

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National Card Playing Day: It's rare to see kids with a deck of cards these days. These **12 Classic Card Games to Teach the Kids** might change that, beating boredom hands down. Ha!

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Thankfulness:
Make a Top Ten list of the gifts in your life and the things you are appreciative for.

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Create a Thank You Gift: Make small gifts & pre-made thank you notes. Every time you see someone who does you a service, give them one to honor their service.

Generosity is the magic that turns a simple act of giving into a heartfelt celebration of kindness.

31 New Year's Eve:
As 2023 ends, help kids **make smart resolutions for the new year using these tips.**