

December/January's Monthly Focus: Family (from [thinkkindness.org](http://thinkkindness.org))

Watch our Kindness Crew video: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C\\_gleHqjW5I](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C_gleHqjW5I) (thanks, Ms. Tzeng!)

What the Kindness Crew is doing in December/January:

- We are collecting items at the lobby's giving tree for The Family Tree organization in Denver. Please send in new hats, gloves, scarves, and socks to support our Kindness Crew in supporting families in our community! <https://www.thefamilytree.org/>
- All students will have the option to donate their recess to creating holiday cards for seniors that will be delivered in the Evergreen Senior Resource Center's holiday baskets to homebound seniors.
- The Kindness Crew members will each visit another classroom at Ralston to read holiday books to build more connections at school

Here's how you can support our monthly theme of compliments:

- Look for the paper in your child's Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> Friday Folder for the "Parent Interview Questions." Have your child ask you these questions, and any other family members they'd like to learn more about, no need to record the answers! Send the paper in signed if your child completes to get a WOW ticket!
- Share family stories. Help your child understand and form bonds between extended family members or people they may not see every day in their family.

Questions to engage conversation:

- Ask your child to think of how families may be different than your own, and how that is great.
- Ask about people who may not be blood relatives, but are still very much part of your family. Whether it's your neighbor, close family friend, or teacher, many times we have individuals in our lives that we treat like family, even though we aren't related.
- Ask how your family can make each other feel appreciated, valued, and loved? (What little things really add up to be a big thing!)

Soak up your time together!