

3rd Party Compliments

Welcome to RAK Week! RAK stands for Random Acts of Kindness. Every year we encourage others to take time this week to really focus on kindness and how they can dive deeper to spread RAKs within their community. *This one pager gives a simple, yet effective lesson plan for your classroom for RAK week.* **Each day should take you about 15-20 minutes (excluding prep/clean up.).** You can extend the activities if desired using the Extensions section on the left side of each day. However, simply doing the activity each day is more than enough to bring home the value of Random Acts of Kindness and the impact it has on others, regardless of your age! Check out [The History of RAK Week](#) for more info!

Materials: Poster board, markers, colored pencils, tape, thumbtacks, etc. to hang poster

Daily Lessons

Day 1 Extension

Read Aloud:

The Sour Grape By
 Jory John and Pete
 Oswald

[Read Aloud Link](#)



Day 1- Brainstorm- What are 3rd Party Compliments

Explain RAK week and how the class will 3rd Party Compliments to spread kindness beyond our classroom. As a class, explore the meaning of 3rd party Compliments (These are anonymous compliments written by one person and then displayed publicly for everyone to see). Each person in our class will create a heartfelt compliment poster for someone outside of our classroom.. No person can be chosen twice, so think long and hard about your choice. The goal is to spread kindness to as many people as possible this week!

Day 2 Extension

Catch the Kindness:

Place a stack of scrap paper next to a jar. Have students write down kind acts each day-Read aloud daily!



Day 2- Complement Selection and Design

Have each student create a top three list of people they want to compliment. Draw each student's name randomly and have them choose their person. Go through your class until everyone has chosen someone different. Once everyone has their person, have them start to design their poster on a piece of paper, focusing on correct spelling and layout.

Day 3 Extension

Online Poster Design

Want to use tech to make a poster? Create one and email it out! [Design Link](#)



Day 3- Poster Design Pt 1

Today is design day! Give each student poster board and have them take their paper template to create their full size compliment poster. Encourage them to sketch out the words and design in pencil first so spelling of the person's name and tricky words can be verified. Remember, this compliment is anonymous, so don't sign your name!

Day 4 Extension

RAK Stories: Have students relax and close their eyes while you read aloud Kindness Stories [LINK](#)



Day 4- Poster Design Pt 2

Finish up your compliment posters. Make sure they are spelled correctly and bold enough that passersby in the hallways can read them! If time allows, have volunteers share their poster and WHY they chose their person.

Day 5 Extension

Journal Entry- Write or Draw about your RAK week. What did you like best?



Day 5- Hang Your Posters!

Today is the day to get out of the classroom and hang your posters! These can be in the bathrooms, on the walls of the hallway, or on classroom doors. Make sure you decide on this before today so the posters are spread out.