

Story with a Moral

A blind boy sat on the steps of a building with a hat by his feet. He held up a sign which said: "I am blind, please help."

There were only a few coins in the hat. A man was walking by. He took a few coins from his pocket and dropped them into the hat. He then took the sign, turned it around, and wrote some words. He put the sign back so that everyone who walked by would see the new words. Soon the hat began to fill up. A lot more people were giving money to the blind boy. That afternoon the man who had changed the sign came to see how things were. The boy recognized his footsteps and asked, "Were you the one who changed my sign this morning? What did you write?"

The man said, "I only wrote the truth. I said what you said but in a different way. I wrote: "Today is a beautiful day but I cannot see it."

Both signs told people that the boy was blind. But the first sign simply said the boy was blind. The second sign told people that they were so lucky that they were not blind.

Should we be surprised that the second sign was more effective?

Moral: Be thankful for what you have...Be creative. Be innovative. Think differently and positively. When life gives you a 100 reasons to cry, show life that you have 1000 reasons to smile!

Our Value this month is ... **Appreciation**



Family Values

You could show your appreciation for someone by saying this blessing for them...

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you peace.

Many times a day I realize how much my own life is built upon the labors of my fellowmen, and how earnestly I must exert myself in order to give in return as much as I have received.

Albert Einstein

Earn 10 Family Values House Points

2,4,6,8 what do we appreciate?

What matters to us the most... what do we appreciate in our lives.. do we take the time to stop and appreciate what we have and to say thank you... or are we always seeking new pleasures?

Can you think about the following and bring into school your ideas to share?

2 things you value highly

4 things to be thankful for in April

6 little luxuries you relish

8 things you treasure from nature

I had a go and these are my thoughts:

2 things that I value highly: my family and my health

4 things to be thankful for in April: eating chocolate again after Lent, being Head teacher of such a lovely school, having my son home from University and the Easter holiday!

6 little luxuries: walking my dog Daisy, a lie in, a good book, cup of tea, Cadburys Dairy Milk and a hug.

8 treasures: windy days, sunshine, fresh snow, hilltops, rugged coastlines, wild flowers, dogs and clear starry nights.

Next to excellence is the appreciation of it.

William Makepeace Thackeray