

OCTOBER

2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2 Bills Dress Down 	3
4	5  World Day of Bullying Prevention Wear Blue	6	7  PICTURE DAY	8  2:00pm Mass FIRE PREVENTION UPK-8  Bills Dress Down 	9 No School K-8 Diocesan Professional Development Day UPK & Pre-K in session 9:00 am -11:00 am	10
11 Pastor Appreciation Day 	12 No School 	13	14 First Communion Parent Meeting, 6:00pm	15	16 Bills Dress Down 	17
18	19	20	21	22  2:00pm Mass Honor Society Induction 1:30pm	23	24 First Communion Enrollment Mass, 4:30pm
25	26 Red Ribbon Week 	27	28 Progress Reports 	29 HALLOWEEN DANCE UPK-3RD  Bills Dress Down 	30 	31 HALLOWEEN All Dates are Subject to Change



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St Stephens

Meal Price

Lunch - FREE



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Daily Alternate Entrées

Yogurt Fun Lunch

Pizza Cheese/Pepperoni

PB&J Uncrustable Lunch

Brunch for Lunch

1

Blueberry Pancakes w/Syrup
Breakfast Sausage
Hash Brown, carrots
NY State Apple / Pears

Pizza

2

(Cheese/Pepperoni)
Garden Salad
Tomato, Cucumber
NY State Apple / Peaches

Nachos

6

Tortilla chips, Taco meat
Lettuce, cheese, Salsa
Corn, Black Beans
NY State Apple / Peaches

Chicken Patty Sandwich

7

w/ Bun
Smiley Fries
Broccoli
NY State Apple / Pears

Brunch for Lunch

8

French Toast w/ Syrup
Breakfast Sausage
Hash Brown, carrots
NY State Apple / Mixed fruit

Pizza

9

(Cheese/Pepperoni)
Garden Salad
Tomato, Cucumber
NY State Apple / Peaches

12

**No School
Columbus Day**

Taco in a Bag

13

Nacho Doritos
Taco Meat & Cheese
Lettuce, Salsa, Rice, corn
NY State Apple / Mixed fruit

Dipper Day

14

Chicken Fingers (3)
Mozzarella Sticks(3)
dip sauce and Green beans
NY State Apple / Peaches

Brunch for Lunch

15

Maple Burst Waffle w/ Syrup
Breakfast Sausage
Hash Brown, carrots
NY State Apple / Pears

Pizza

16

(Cheese/Pepperoni)
Garden Salad
Tomato, Cucumber
NY State Apple / Peaches

19

Wild Mikes Cheese Bites
Dipping Sauce
Coined Carrots
NY State Apple / Peaches

Burrito Bowl

20

Taco meat, Refried Beans
Cheese, Lettuce, Salsa
Mexican Rice, Corn
NY State Apple / Pears

Chicken Finger Sub

21

(Plain/Hot)
Costanzo Roll
Cheese, Lettuce, Carrots
NY State Apple / Mixed fruit

Chicken N Waffles

22

Sweet Potato Waffle Fries
Green Beans
NY State Apple / Peaches

Pizza

23

(Cheese/Pepperoni)
Garden Salad
Tomato, Cucumber
NY State Apple / Peaches

26

Cheese Burger w Bun
French Fries
California Blend Veggie
NY State Apple / Mixed fruit

Nachos

27

Tortilla chips, Taco meat
Lettuce, cheese, Salsa
Corn, Black Beans
NY State Apple / Peaches

28

Pasta w/ Meat Sauce
Garlic Bread
Broccoli
NY State Apple / Pears

Brunch for Lunch

29

Blueberry Pancakes w/Syrup
Breakfast Sausage
Hash Brown, carrots
NY State Apple / Mixed fruit

Pizza

30

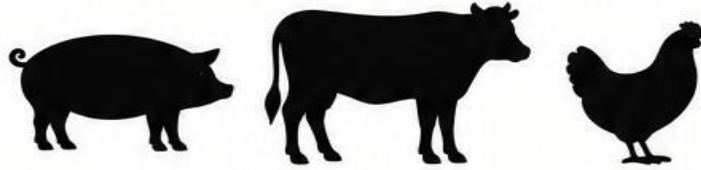
(Cheese/Pepperoni)
Garden Salad
Tomato, Cucumber
NY State Apple / Peaches

Exciting news!

The apples available daily are sourced from a local farm. Enjoy fresh, delicious apples while supporting local!

Menu subject to change due to availability

St. Stephen School **MEAT RAFFLE**



November 21st, 2026

2080 Baseline Rd. Grand Island, NY 14072

For questions email: sssoffice@ststephensgi.org

DOORS OPEN AT

5:30PM

FIRST PULL IS AT

7:00PM

PRESALE TICKETS

\$12/PERSON

TABLE OF 8 FOR \$90

AT THE DOOR

\$15/PERSON



**TICKETS INCLUDE UNLIMITED POP
AND 2 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

15+ ROUNDS OF MEAT



CASH, CREDIT, OR VENMO ACCEPTED FOR RAFFLE BUCKS

BUY TICKETS AT:

<https://givebutter.com/sssmeatraffle>

Event held in school cafeteria, enter at door #1

*Bring your own snacks! • No outside alcohol permitted •
Age 21+ event • Powered by bestmeatraffles.com*

Early Bus Arrival



Friday, October 2nd 2026

Due to a required Early Release Drill coordinated by GICSD, buses will be picking up SSS students at 3:05 and children will be arriving home early. Office dismissals will begin at 2:50, UPK dismissals will begin at 2:45, and after-school will start after the drill. After-school students will be taken outside with a teacher until the drill is over.

Let's Connect!

Cacciatore & Mermigas: Monthly
Newsletters/Weekly Emails

Jones: Monthly Newsletters, Class Dojo

Velzy: Email

Kindergarten: Monthly Newsletters, Seesaw

1st Grade: Bi-weekly Email

2nd Grade: Email, Reminder Notes Home

3rd Grade: Class Dojo/Email

4th Grade: Class Dojo, Remind & Monthly
Newsletter

5th Grade: Remind, Monthly Newsletters

Middle School: Google Classroom/ Email

Our teachers, principal, and staff are always
available via email. Please allow time for response.

All email address are available on our website:

www.ststephensgi.org

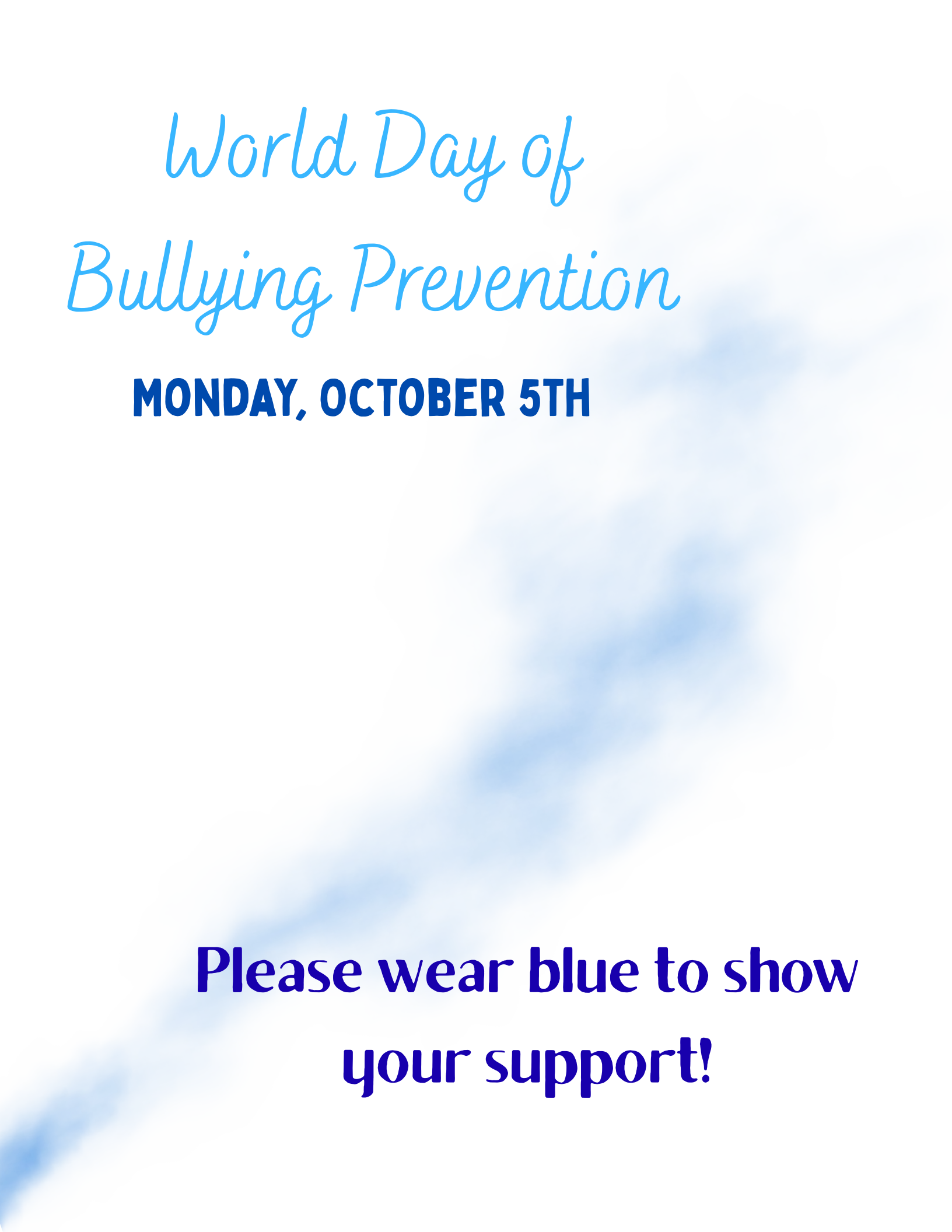
The school phone number is 716-773-7647, opt. 2.

BILLS DAY

Season Pass Dress Down
Holders!

Friday, October 2nd
Thursday, October 8th
Friday, October 16th
Thursday, October 29th
Monday, November 9th
Friday, November 13th
Friday, November 20th
Tuesday, November 24th





World Day of Bullying Prevention

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5TH

**Please wear blue to show
your support!**



Blessing of the Animals

Thursday, October 8th at 1:00pm

Before 2:00 Mass, Father Art will be walking around our school, blessing our student's animals. If you have a pet at home, please bring in a picture of them or a stuffed animal to be blessed.





GET READY FOR

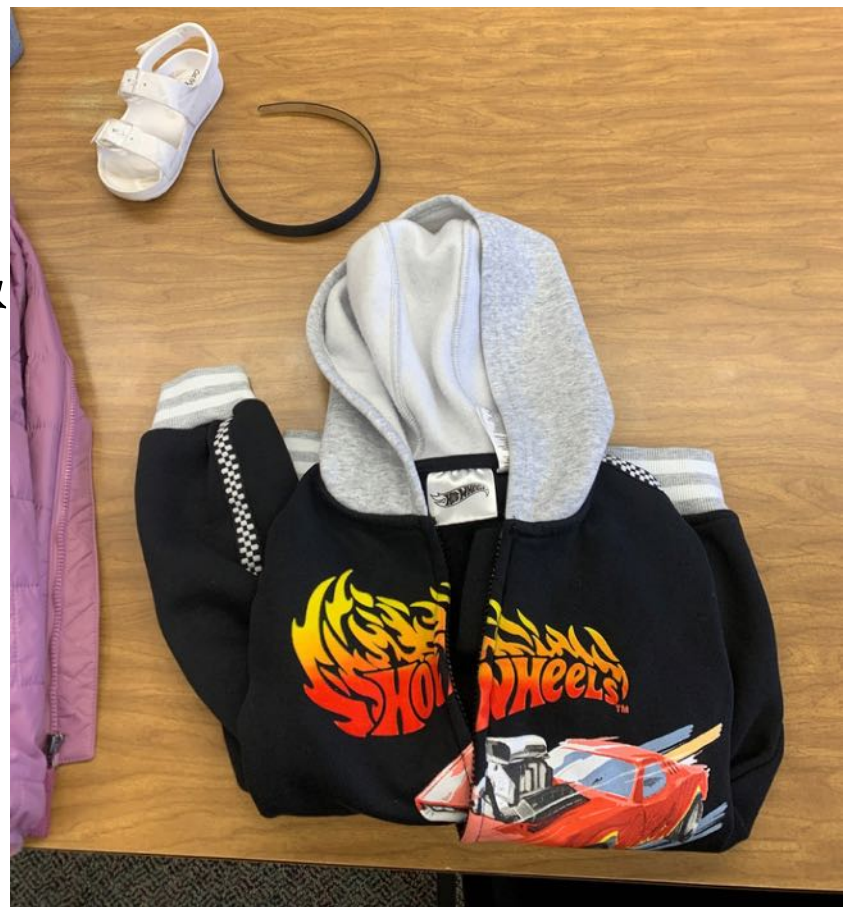
PICTURE DAY

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wednesday, October 7th



**THERE ARE SOME
ITEMS IN OUR LOST &
FOUND. IF THEY
BELONG TO YOUR
CHILD, PLEASE COME
TO THE SCHOOL
OFFICE.**





VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

OUR STUDENTS
MAKE EVERY DAY
BETTER!

JOIN OUR SSS LUNCH ROOM TEAM!

Do you have a little time during the school day?
We'd love to have you help make lunchtime a positive,
safe, and enjoyable experience for our students!

Parents, Grandparents, Family Members & Friends are Welcome!

VOLUNTEER DUTIES INCLUDE:



Helping younger students open lunch containers and packaging



Assisting with lunch recess supervision



Wiping down tables after lunch



Cleaning up small spills as needed



Most importantly... spending time with some awesome SSS students!

LUNCH VOLUNTEER SHIFTS



FIRST LUNCH (GRADES K-2)

10:45 – 11:30 A.M.

Pre-K: Velzy and Cacciatore



SECOND LUNCH (GRADES 3-5)

11:30 A.M. – 12:10 P.M.

Pre-K: Jones and Mermigas



THIRD LUNCH (GRADES 6-8)

12:10 – 12:45 P.M.

Volunteer for one shift or multiple shifts—
whatever works best for your schedule!



ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST BE
VIRTUS TRAINED
BEFORE SERVING.

SIGN UP USING OUR

SignUpGenius!

A new SignUpGenius will be emailed each month, giving you the flexibility to volunteer whenever you're available.

SCAN TO SIGN UP!



Thank You!

Your time, kindness, and helping hands make a tremendous difference in the lives of our students.

WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS!



TOGETHER, WE'RE MAKING LUNCHTIME THE BEST PART OF THE DAY AT ST. STEPHEN SCHOOL!



HALLOWEEN DANCE

OCTOBER 29TH

5:00-7:00

GRADES PRE-K TO 3RD



Wear your Halloween costume and join us for a fun night of dancing, crafts, games, and more! Siblings in grades Pre-K to 3rd are welcome! Parents must stay with their children!

Cost: \$5.00 per person – checks preferred (includes admission, pizza, drinks, and activities)

Location: St. Stephen's Cafeteria and Gym

Please RSVP on the form below by October 16th to your child's teacher with payment. One form per household.



Family Last Name: _____ Child's Grade: _____

Number of Adults Attending	Number of Children Attending	Total Number x \$5.00 Each	Total Owed
_____	_____	_____ x \$5.00	\$_____

HSA SPOTLIGHT

SAVE THE DATES

10/2 - Bills Dress Down

10/5 - Bullying Prevention Day - Wear Blue

10/7 - Picture Day

10/8 - Bills Dress Down

10/9 - K-8 No School - UPK/Pre-K Half Day

SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Room Parents Still Needed!

- Help make the school year extra special by serving as a room parent. You'll assist with parent communications, coordinate teacher gifts, and help connect families with classroom events and volunteer opportunities. Its a fun and meaningful way to support our teachers, students, and school community!
- **Room Parent - Sign up here!**
- Current classes **without** room parent volunteers:
 - 2nd Grade
 - 4th Grade
 - 7th Grade
- Additional room parents still needed in other classes

Keep up to date on HSA News by joining REMIN
Text @ssshsa to 81010

HSA Contact Email:
ststephenhsa@yahoo.com



HSA SPOTLIGHT

ROOM PARENT TESTIMONIAL

“Last year, I was a room parent for the Kindergarten class. I was unsure going into it what was expected of me, but the HSA and veteran parents made the role very easy. I was not required to spend very much time volunteering. In fact, I only attended two events at the school all year, and that was by choice. I couldn’t pass up the opportunity to help celebrate Christmas in Kindergarten!

The role mostly involved making sure the class parents had a small amount of funds to help give our kids an extra-special year. I helped plan a few activities for their Halloween and Christmas parties, organized gifts for their teacher, and distributed a handful of volunteer opportunities to the class parents, all in which were provided with simple instructions from the SSS Room Parent Coordinator.

For the little time I spent on this role, I was rewarded with having the opportunity to make my kids’ school year a little bit brighter.”

JESSICA ALBANO
1ST GRADE MOM





CATHOLIC CHARITIES SSP NEWSLETTER



October 2026

Emotional Awareness

Each month, our school mental health professionals push into classrooms to teach and practice a social-emotional skill. This month, students in all grades will focus on emotional awareness. Students will be learning how to recognize their own feelings, understand the emotions of others, and explore how emotions can influence our thoughts, choices, and behavior.

In the Classroom

Understanding emotions helps students build empathy, strengthen friendships, and make good choices. As students learn to recognize and manage their own feelings, they also learn to understand the emotions of others. These skills help them solve problems, work well with classmates, and contribute to a kind, supportive classroom where everyone can learn and grow.

Try It at Home



Talk with your child about their feelings each day. Encourage them to name their emotions, consider how others may be feeling, and practice healthy ways to manage big emotions.

