

Word of the Month

Initiative – to do something because it needs to be done

Each month, students and teachers across the school focus on one word. Each word represents a skill that will help us in life. We call them life skills.

The word for January is *Initiative*. You show initiative when you choose to do something because it needs to be done. You show initiative when you:

- **Throw away litter left on the ground**
- **Help someone in need**
- **Get ready for school on time**
- **Turn in your homework on time**

If you would like to reinforce the Word of the Month at home with your child, below are some books with friendship themes:

Alcott, Louisa May	<u>An Old Fashioned Thanksgiving</u>
Aliki,	<u>The Two of Them</u>
Aliki,	<u>We Are Best Friends</u>
Asch, Frank	<u>Moon Bear</u>
Berenstain, Stan and Jan	<u>Berenstain Bear Books</u>
Cleaver, Vera and Bill	<u>Queen of Hearts</u>
Crews, Donald	<u>Bigmama's</u>
Fox, Mem	<u>Night Noises</u>
Gackenbach, Dick	<u>What's Claude Doing</u>
Greenfield, Eloise	<u>First Pink Light</u>
Lee, Betsy	<u>Mother Teresa: Caring for All God's Children</u>
MacLachlan, Patricia	<u>Sarah, Plain, and Tall</u>
Mathis, Sharon Bell	<u>The Hundred Penny Box</u>
Mayer, Mercer	<u>Just Me and My Dad</u>
Mayer, Mercer	<u>Just Me and My Grandma</u>
Mayer, Mercer	<u>Just Me and My Grandpa</u>
Moncure, Jane Belk	<u>Kindness</u>
Munsch, Robert	<u>Love You Forever</u>
Paterson, Katherine	<u>Bridge to Terebithia</u>
Wells, Rosemary	<u>Hazel's Amazing Mother</u>
White, E.B.	<u>Charlotte's Web</u>
Williams, Vera	<u>A Chair for My Mother</u>
Wood, Audrey	<u>Weird Parents</u>
Ziefert, Harriet	<u>A New Coat for Anna</u>