Jamerson’s 180 days of kindness: We believe that our world needs A LOT more kindness! We are challenging the scholars, staff, parents and families to 180 days of kindness. There are 180 days of school each year and we are challenging you to be kind each and every day. Each day you will learn about a new way to be kind, you will learn about different customs from around the world, and/or you will learn something new each day about how to be kind. How to be kind to yourself, how to be kind to others, even how to be kind to our world. We hope that you take us up on our challenge and that by the end of our 180 days together this school and community will be the kindest ever! Some days it may be easy, some days could be a bit more challenging, but either way, it is so worth it-love and kindness need to win! So, let’s begin...

Day 177: May 26th - Name the full moons: There is nothing quite as awe-inspiring as the moon when it’s full. Have you ever watched it as it slowly rises into the night sky? While the pattern of the moon’s craters may remind you of a face, Japanese children look at the full moon and see a white rabbit pounding rice into rice cakes and dumplings. Many Native Americans have names for the different full moons during the year. You may have heard September’s full moon called the Harvest Moon. The Zuni Indians in New Mexico and Arizona call the full moon of July the Corn Moon because it appears when the corn is beginning to ripen. Several tribes refer to the full moon that rises in January or February as the Hunger Moon, because traditionally that was a time when game was scarce and stored grains would be running low. What names might you give to the moon tonight as you look upon its face?

Day 178: May 27th - Watch a sunset: In order to look at the beautiful night sky, you need to watch a beautiful sunset! We are so lucky to live where we live! We have access to beautiful sunsets each night. Even if you can’t get to the beach, you can still see the beautiful colors in our twilight sky! If you lived close to the Arctic Circle, in one of the Scandinavian countries for example, you would be up all night waiting for the sunset! For several days around the beginning of summer, the sun never sinks below the horizon. For many weeks after that the sun is still visible well into the night. No wonder they call it the Land of the Midnight Sun! Since we do live in a place where the sun sets below the horizon, ask your parents tonight if you can watch the sunset...

Day 179: May 28th - Kindness: The definition of kindness is the quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate. Synonyms: kindliness · kindheartedness · warm-heartedness. It is our hope that the past 178 days of kindness have really made a positive impact in your life. We hope that you will take all 180 days of kindness and put them to use in your everyday lives. That you won’t forget what you learned this year and that you will continue to practice random acts of kindness and continue being the rainbows in the clouds of others. Remember, “You must be the change you wish to see in the world!” Ghandi. Go forth our wonderful Lakeview students and spread love and kindness wherever and whenever you can! We believe you can and WILL make a positive impact in this world of ours.

Day 180: May 29th - Baci & the last day of school: Prepare for a long journey with a baci... A baci (bah-see) is a traditional Laotian good luck festival that is held whenever someone is about to leave on a long journey or has just returned from one. Friends and relatives are invited to a baci, where they welcome the honored guest with poetry and prayers to bring good fortune. A string is wrapped around the guest’s wrists, tying them together, which symbolizes the uniting of the friends and family. We are all leaving today on our own long journeys. We send each of you off with a string to bring you good fortune. Be kind and it will loop back.