

“The giving tree”



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A great way to introduce children to literature is with the book “The giving tree” by Shel Silverstein. This beautiful tale about love, friendship and generosity was read to the 3rd Grade students who were given the chance to discuss about the meaning of friendship, people that they are thankful for (parents, friends, teachers) and how they can be more giving to the people that they know.

Another aspect of the story is about of what man takes from nature, and what nature happily gives to man. This theme fits well with the meaning of the Tu-Bishvat festival. So, we thought it would be a great idea to be shared with the students of Evosmos school who visited us on that day.

As a final activity students were asked to write a message about “giving” in green leaves and then stapled them around the branches of a big tree – our giving tree – the tree of love.

"The Giving Tree"

By W. S. Hooper




SETTING
- The forest



Once there was a tree



The Character
- The tree
- The boy



and she loved a little boy...

Major Events
The tree gives the boy her leaves to play with.
The tree gives her apples and nuts so he could have warmth.
The tree gives her branches so he could build a house.
The boy takes the tree stump and he and the tree was happy.

published in 1964



The tree was happy



... she loved a little boy

And every day the
would come

And he would
gather leaves.

And make them
into crowns and
play king of the
forest.

And he
would climb
up her tree
swing from her
branches.

And eat
her apples

And the
leaf and
the
tree

And
was

The boy grew older,
(can you give me
some money?)

Take my apples
and sell them
Then you'll have
money and be happy

Then she
and water plan
to eat a heart
to state
for
here

But time went by, and
the boy grew older
Can you give me
money?

Get off my branches and
walk a home then you'll
be happy!

Then she
and water plan
to eat a heart
to state
for
here

and be happy

and be happy

and be happy

and be happy

and be happy

and be happy

and be happy

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Some students comments on the project:

-“ I want to thank my father for buying me a new bike “

Alex

-“The act of giving made the tree happy and she loved the boy very much – even more than she loved herself”

Chris

-“I liked when the boy swang from the branches, played in the tree and they loved each other.”

Danny

-“The boy kept asking things from the tree which I didn't like at all. We mustn't be greedy”

Danae

-“I had fun with the lovely pictures we drew and the posters we made because it was a team work .”

Elina

-“I enjoyed the performance and the activities very much.”

Lydia

-“I wish to thank all my classmates for being my friends.”

Markos

-“The story is about friendship and love. These life values are very important to me.”

Olina

-“The importance of saying “thank you” and “I m sorry”. They are magical words.”

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"please
and
thank you"
are still
magical
words



ΕΙΛΩΝ
ΜΑΡΙΑ
ΧΑΡΩΝ

ΑΓΑΠΗ

ΣΕ ΣΥΝΑΓΗ
ΠΡΟΣ ΤΗΝ
ΠΑΤΡΙΔΑ

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We're friends

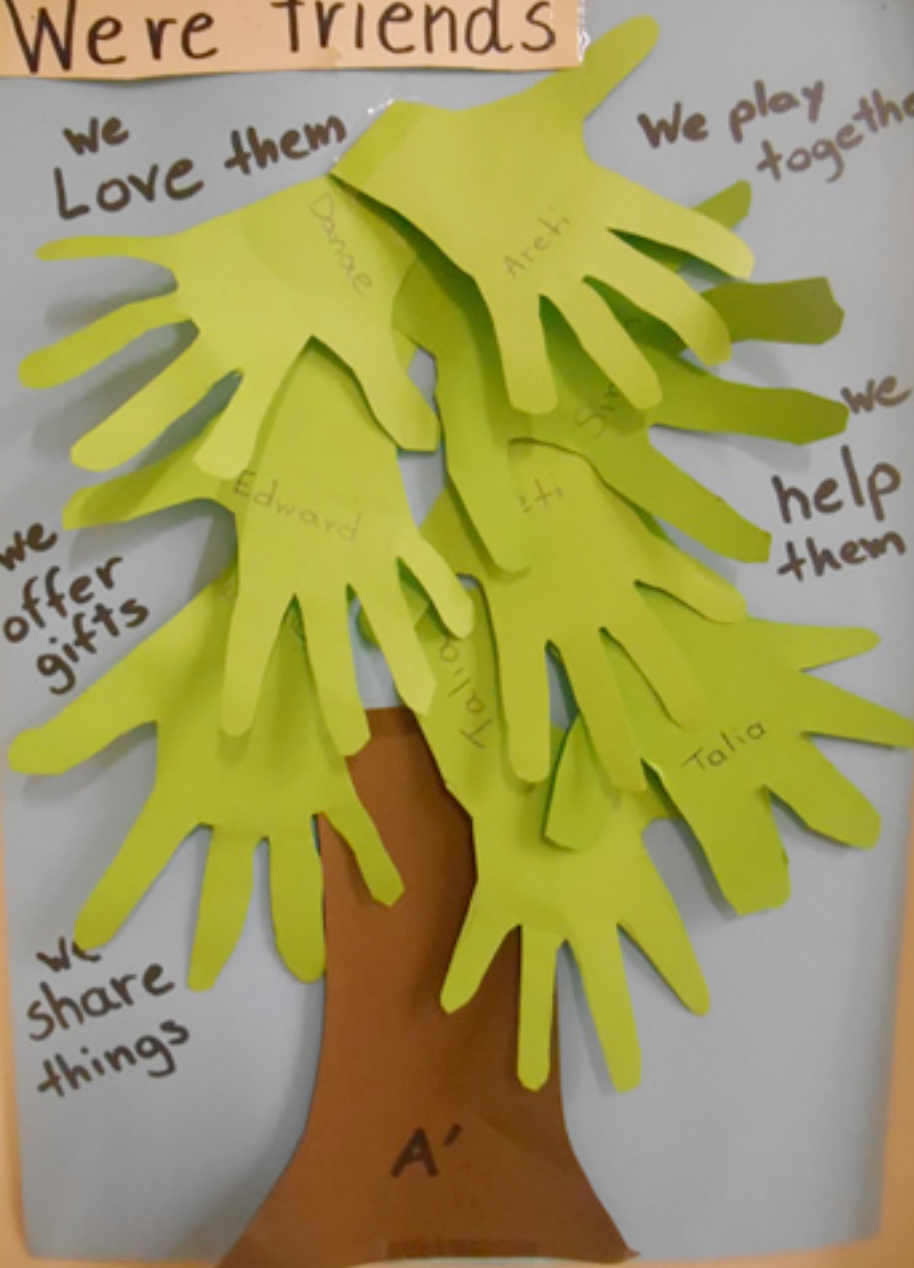
We Love them

We play together

We offer gifts

We help them

We share things



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