

# “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  
The tree gives her apples and nuts to eat  
The tree gives her branches to build a house  
The boy uses the tree stump 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  
plant  
a tree  
in the  
ground  
and  
here

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

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

Then she  
and water  
plant  
a tree  
in the  
ground  
and  
here

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





# We're friends

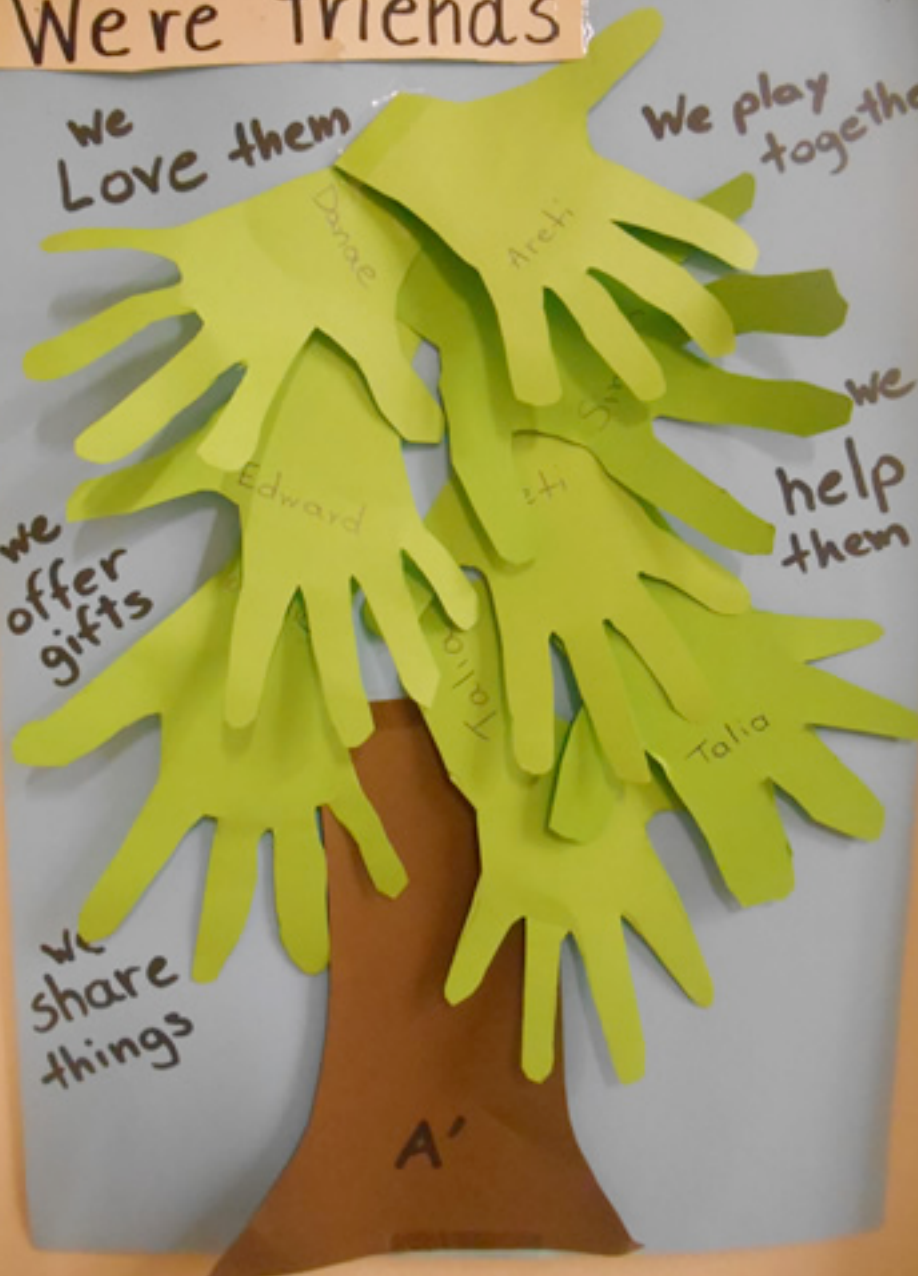
We love them

We play together

We offer gifts

We help them

We share things



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