Scholarship Stewards

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FOR YOUNG CHILDREN · AGES 3–7

A Family Conversation Guide

As we prepare for *A Morning of Giving*, we invite families to explore with their children what brings people together and the ways we care for one another. These talking points and questions offer a starting place. Begin with examples that feel familiar to your child and let the conversation grow from there.

a morning of giving.

Here are a few ways to share with your child why families are coming together, and how your family will be part of it.

> *We're going to a gathering called A Morning of Giving. Families are getting together to help bring more books to local schools. We're joining them because we want to help children discover new stories and enjoy reading.*

> *When we choose a book to share, we're thinking about another child who might enjoy reading it. We may never meet that child, but we can still pick something we think they'd like.*

> *We're not the only family choosing a book. Other families are picking books, too. When everyone contributes, the schools can add many more books to their collections than one family could provide alone.*

TRY TOGETHER

Explore the Scholarship Stewards book wish list and invite your child to help select a book to contribute.

1. Which book would you like to choose?
2. What interests you about it?
3. What do you think another child might enjoy about this book?

01 What is a community?

Communities are made up of people.

We're part of different communities. Our family is one, and our neighborhood is another. You might also have a community of friends you see at dance class or another activity you enjoy.

Some of our neighbors are people we know and say hello to. Others are people we haven't met yet, like the family who lives a few streets away. They're part of our neighborhood, too.

Communities share places.

Think about the sidewalks near our home. We use them to go for walks, and other people use them to ride their bikes or walk their dogs. We're all sharing the same space.

The grocery store is another place where we see people from our neighborhood. We might recognize someone shopping there or stop to talk with a familiar cashier.

Communities share experiences.

When we go to a neighborhood block party, we get to enjoy something together with other families. We might listen to music, try a new food, or see friends we know.

We can also get to know people by doing things together regularly. When you see the same children at swimming lessons or a playgroup, you might start recognizing each other and becoming friends.

Everyone has a part in our community.

Lots of people help make our neighborhood a nice place to live. The mail carrier brings letters to our homes, and the people who drive the garbage truck pick up our trash. Their work helps everyone who lives here.

Children can help make people feel welcome, too. If another child wants to join a game, we can make room for them or ask what they'd like to play.

QUESTIONS TO EXPLORE

1. Who are some people we see often in our neighborhood?
2. Where do we like going with other families?
3. What's something you enjoy doing with other children?
4. What could we do if someone new wanted to play with us?

02 How can we care for our community?

“ We can care for places we share.

When we’re finished making crafts at the community center, we can put the supplies away so they’re ready for the next group. Taking care of shared things means more people get to enjoy them.

Sometimes neighbors work together to care for a place. They might plant flowers along a walkway or help clean up after a neighborhood celebration.

“ We can look out for one another.

If a friend drops their crayons, we can ask if they’d like help picking them up. They might want our help, or they might want to do it themselves. Asking lets them decide.

Sometimes a friend might feel sad or want some quiet time. We can ask if they’d like us to sit with them. Being a good friend also means listening to what they say.

“ We can share what we enjoy and help with our time.

Sharing isn’t always about giving something away. If you have a favorite story, you could invite a friend to read it with you. Then you both get to enjoy it.

Children can help with community activities, too. At a neighborhood gathering, you could help set out cups or hand out supplies for a craft. Those small jobs help everyone enjoy the event.

“ We can do more when we work together.

Think about cleaning up after a playgroup. If everyone helps put the toys away, the room is ready for the next group much sooner.

When several families get together to plant a garden, they can grow more than one family might have time to plant on its own. Everyone’s help adds up.

QUESTIONS TO EXPLORE

1. What’s your favorite thing about our neighborhood?
2. What could we do to help keep the playground nice?
3. Can you remember a time when someone helped you?
4. What do you like helping with when we’re with other people?

Our Community



Draw your community!

I can help my community by...

