**Character Education**
One of our school development goals is on character education. Character education is defined as the development of traits that are beneficial to individual students, our school, community and society. Character Education traits that we promote and develop at LM include: Respect – Kindness – Cooperation – Fair Play and Empathy.

**“Caring for Others” Week at LMM**
November 8th – 16th is “Caring for Others” week at LM Montgomery. The focus of this week is helping all of our children from Kindergarten to Grade 6 to develop and nurture skills on how to care for others in their lives.

*On November 8th we begin by discussing ways we can care for ourselves. We must first learn how to care for ourselves before we can generalize that experience to caring for others.*

*On November 13th we will be emphasizing how to care for your peers (not just your friends). We know that all of us including children find it easier to care for our friends but the emphasis this day is on ALL peers not just your friends.*

*On November 14th we turn our focus to our family by talking about who is in our family and tangible ways we can give of ourselves to show how we care for everyone in our family.*

*On November 15th we intentionally turn our attention further outside our inner world toward caring for our school. On this day, we would be emphasizing how we can continue to make our school a welcoming and inclusive place for all.*

*On November 16th we will finish up with how to care for your community. We will be brainstorming in class about ways we can help and care for our community outside the walls of our school.*

At home we would ask that you take some time each day to talk with your child about what they have learned that particular day. You may also want to consider doing a family ‘caring for others’ project. The important message in all of this is to emphasize with your child that caring for others is not so much about giving material possessions but more about giving of yourself to show how much you care.