

## **Compassion and Care**

Empathy and compassion are taught by the structure of the classroom and the curriculum. The students learn about the universe first, and then understand clearly that we are small parts of an immense and vast whole, and that we each have an important purpose in that deeply connected universe.

Philanthropic projects are encouraged, and the students naturally want to reach out beyond their classroom into the world. Our 6th grade students have an opportunity to complete a task, and it's called the Empowerment Project. They will get a packet in January to explain the whole process.

Please read this article on fun community giving ideas.

<http://www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/article/parent-child/10-fun-community-giving-ideas>

# Material of the month - Science: Simple Machines

As a part of the science and history units, our upper elementary students are studying simple machines during this quarter. Reading, classification work, building their own simple machines in class, and a field trip were provided to students to understand how simple machines work.

