

Raymer Elementary SCHOOL NEWSLETTER June 2020



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GRADE 6 YEAR END CELEBRATION

Grade 6 teachers and Mrs. Nunes are organizing a year end celebration for students on Wednesday, June 24th, 12:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. to mark a most significant time in a grade 6 student's learning journey - moving on to middle school! Due to COVID-19, some plans will appear different, however, we are excited just the same. All grade 6 students will be invited to the gym on the 24th, and, together, social distancing, will share in presentations of one another (prepared in advance), view particular memories of their time at Raymer with a slideshow, and receive an individually wrapped treat from CupCasions. A few more surprises will happen, but we wish to keep them secret until the 24th. While we regret parents/guardians cannot be in attendance for this occasion, a video will be shared on YouTube. We wish to thank Ms. Abbott and Raymer teachers for supporting us with the preparations. To our grade six students - best wishes for continued learning success and happiness at middle school! May you reach all the goals that you set for yourself!

Mrs. Marees & Mrs. Samaddar

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

We are all so excited to meet all of our new kindergarten students. Our Kindergarten Orientation is June 9th from 12:15pm to 1:15pm. With following the Provincial Health Officer's directions, we need to continue to social distance. **Therefore, we will be hosting this important event virtually via Zoom Meeting.** You will need wifi access and can join the zoom meeting by smart phone, tablet, computer, lap top etc. During this orientation, our Kindergarten teachers will be sharing ways for your child to be ready for Kindergarten as well as supplies. You will have an opportunity to hear from our support staff team who may work with your child in the future. We hope that all of you can attend. This event will be recorded and sent to our kindergarten families afterwards. See you June 9th on the Zoom platform. Please call the office if you have any questions or need assistance using Zoom.

SEPTEMBER ENROLLMENT 2020/2021

New kindergarten students, students who are new to the area, and any students seeking to change schools for SEPTEMBER 2020 must complete a registration application online. If your child is already attending Raymer Elementary, there is no need to register as each student automatically rolls over to the next year.

Please note: Students going to KLO from our Gr. 6 program do not need to apply at KLO.

PLEASE NOTE: The District has disabled School Messenger at this time. If your child will be absent from school you will have to contact the office via email Ray@sd23.bc.ca or phone 250-870-5125.

MOVING?

If your family will be moving away from our school over the summer, please let the office know as soon as possible. This knowledge allows us to plan more accurately for September classes.

StrongStart will remain closed until Fall, 2020. Thank-you to all of the StrongStart families for understanding and adjusting during these difficult and uncertain times. The StrongStart Facilitators have been hard at work staying connected by offering online learning experiences for families. They will continue to do so through June 19, 2020. The partial return to in-class instruction is for K-12 programs only and will not include StrongStart. We will wait to take guidance from the Ministry of Education and the Provincial Health Office in September before opening StrongStart centers again. We hope to welcome families back then! In the meantime, continue to be safe and kind and find joy in spending time with each other. **Please contact our StrongStart facilitator via email to enquire about our remote learning activities.** terri.gaudreau@sd23.bc.ca

IMPORTANT DATES

JUNE

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION.....	JUN 9
NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY....	JUN 21
GRADE 6 YEAR END CELEBRATION.....	JUN 24
FINAL TERM SUMMARIES UPLOADED..	JUN 25
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL.....	JUN 25
SUMMER BREAK.....	JUN 26-SEP 7
ADMINISTRATIVE DAY (staff only).....	JUN 26

SEPTEMBER

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.....	SEP 8
PAC WELCOME BACK EVENT.....	SEP 17
PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES.....	SEP 24
→early dismissal @ 12:30	
PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES.....	SEP 25
→early dismissal @ 12:30	

OCTOBER

ADMIN. IMPLEMENTATION DAY (school closed).....	OCT 9
THANKSGIVING DAY (school closed)....	OCT 12
TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DAY (school closed)....	OCT 23

NOTE FROM THE YEARBOOK COMMITTEE...

Sadly, we could not move forward with yearbooks for the 2019-2020 school year. Thank you to all of our students who participated in the Raymer Yearbook Committee. Our group worked so hard throughout the year in hopes of creating a memorable yearbook for everyone.

Thank you,

Mrs. Cartwright, Ms. Petrie & Ms. Hertz



Central Okanagan Public Schools is grateful to be part of a community with multiple organizations whose programs help people access food during this difficult time. Services that provide food assistance or connect people to food programs include [The Central Okanagan Food Bank](#), [Hope for the Nations \(Food For Thought\)](#), [Peachland Food Bank](#), and [Salvation Army – Kelowna and Lake Country](#). If you require food assistance, please visit [Kelowna Community Resources](#) to search food action organizations in your area.

Any lost and found items in June will be brought outside during the last week of June.



SEPTEMBER STARTUP—At This Point

Our anticipated enrollment will be around 270 students with 13 divisions for 2020/2021. Our staff continues to work tirelessly to plan and design class compositions that take into consideration many factors for student success. Our goal is a smooth transition for all students. **Class placements for September: Please note that on Tuesday, September 8th all students will report to their previous homerooms. New students will report to the Library. Early dismissal @ 11am. Kindergarten students have a gradual entry—notice to follow.**

Please visit our school website prior to school start-up to stay well informed of plans for September (www.ray.sd23.bc.ca).

School Supplies: All student supplies necessary for next year can be purchased through the school. School District 23 has set up a secure and convenient on-line system for paying for school supplies and fees. The link to the on-line payment system is on our web page and the system will be able to accept your payments in late August.

Cultural Fee—\$10 Supplies Fee—\$35

FINAL TERM SUMMARIES

Term Summaries will be uploaded to FreshGrade on Thursday, June 25th. Please contact the office if you would like a printed paper copy.

National Indigenous Peoples Day



NATIONAL INDIGENOUS

PEOPLE'S DAY is Sunday June 21st. Raymer's Indigenous Advocate, Ms. Phillips will be doing a directive drawing of Roy Henry Vicker.

STAFFING CHANGES.....

With a new school year approaching, we sadly have to say goodbye to some of our Raymer staff:

Jennifer Cartwright--Teacher
Sydney Hertz--Teacher
Jay Marees—Teacher
Dena Schultz—Teacher
Whitney MacInnis—Teacher
Lindsay Ross—CEA

We are happy to welcome for the 2020/2021 Raymer school year:

Shayle Wiebe—Teacher
Helen Mariotto—Teacher
Jami-Lee Prasad—Teacher
Margaret Coyle—Teacher
Kayla Kemps—CEA
Reigan Alison—CEA

To be continued...

LIBRARY LEARNING COMMONS...

Mrs. Boulanger and Mrs. Hobson have missed you at the Library Learning Commons (LLC). Mrs. Boulanger has been teaching K-6 ELL via Zoom during this time. Mrs. Hobson has been busy doing a book inventory and cleaning up our shelves. There will be boxes of **free** books for the students to take home outside the Library Learning Commons (LLC) door. Please bring in all of your library books back as soon as you are able to drop them off. **Book return deadline: Friday, June 12th, 2020.** Look for the sticker on them to make sure the book belongs to Raymer Elementary.

Walking Your Wheels at School



All students are reminded that anything with wheels (i.e. skateboards, bikes, scooters, roller-blades, and Heely's) may only be walked or carried on school grounds. **For safety reasons, no riding, scooting or skating is permitted inside or outside the building.**

RAYMER SUMMER DRESS CODE

Decisions regarding student dress require the careful balance of the individual's right to self-expression against the school's responsibility to ensure an appropriate learning environment. The dress code is based on the following principles:

- Respect for learning, human rights and dignity of others
- Safety of persons and property
- Promotion of a drug and alcohol-free environment

Raymer Elementary School with the Raymer Parent Advisory Council, offer the following guidance so that students learn to make good independent decisions regarding their choice of clothing. All members of the school community are expected to dress in ways that are appropriate for school. It is not appropriate to wear clothing that:

- Makes sexual reference
- Uses inappropriate language
- Depicts or promotes violence, racism, or other discriminations
- Is intimidating to others; has brand names that relate to profanity

All clothing must:

- Cover the entire core area of the body (upper thigh to above the chest)
- Have straps or sleeves
- For safety purposes, footwear must be worn at all times and everyone is expected to refrain from wearing a hat or hood up inside the school building.



OUR YEAR AT A GLANCE





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2020/2021 School Calendar

Days in Session	189
Days of Instruction	182
Number of non-instructional days	7

Important Dates

School Opens	September 8
Administrative Implementation Day (revised curriculum)	October 9
Thanksgiving Day (schools closed)	October 12
Teacher Professional Day	October 23
Remembrance Day (schools closed)	November 11
Winter vacation period (schools closed)	December 21 – January 1
Statutory holiday (schools closed)	January 1
Schools reopen after Winter vacation	January 4
Teacher Professional Day (Support Staff In-Service Day)	February 12
Family Day	February 15
Schools close for Spring vacation	March 13
Spring vacation period (schools closed)	March 15 - March 26
Schools reopen after Spring vacation	March 29
Good Friday (schools closed)	April 2
Easter Monday (schools closed)	April 5
Victoria Day (schools closed)	May 24
Last day of school for students	June 29
Administrative Day (students do not attend)	June 30

Professional Development/Non-Instructional Days

District-Wide Implementation Day	October 9, 2020
District-Wide Teacher Professional Day	October 23, 2020
District-Wide Teacher Professional Day	February 12, 2021

Parent/Teacher Conference Days

September 24, 2020	Early Dismissal at 12:30
September 25, 2020	Early Dismissal at 12:30
February 10, 2021	Early Dismissal at 12:30
February 11, 2021	Early Dismissal at 12:30

Reporting Dates

First Term Summaries uploaded	December 3, 2020
Second Term Summaries uploaded	March 11, 2021
Final Term Summaries uploaded	June 29, 2021

SCHOOL HOURS

8:25	Warning Bell
8:30	Classes Begin
11:00 – 11:55	Lunch
1:05 – 1:20	Recess
2:30	Dismissal

PAC NEWS...

Dear Raymer Elementary Parent Advisory Council,

We hope that you and your families are safe and well during this unprecedented time.

The Raymer Elementary PAC Executive would like to acknowledge and thank our school community for supporting PAC events from volunteering or participating in our pizza days, family fun nights, welcome back event, Halloween dance, Grade 6 fundraisers and more.

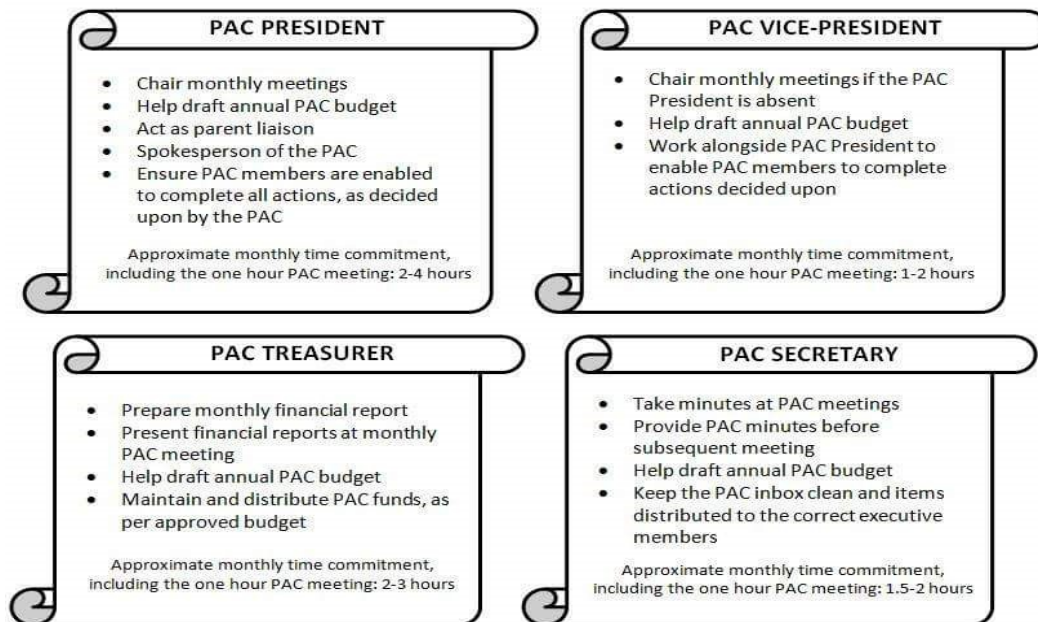
The Raymer PAC Executive are following the advice of health officials to play our part in slowing the transmission of COVID-19 in our community. Events hosted by the Raymer PAC for this school year are cancelled until further notice.

We would also like to thank the volunteers who spent the past year organizing Raymer's Spring Fair Fundraiser. It is with great sadness that we had to cancel this event, but it is in the best interest of our community. We have moved our entertainment bookings from the Spring Fair to May 28th, 2021.

Our annual PAC Executive Election normally takes place during the June PAC meeting, but we will have to postpone. It is possible that we may have the election during a welcome back event, or we may have to hold a virtual PAC meeting via Zoom.

Please consider becoming part of Raymer PAC Executive for 2020/21 school year.

The Executive roles must be filled, if they are not, we risk losing our schools PAC and with it thousands of dollars in gaming funds.



Thank you, parents, for being involved in the Raymer School Community in a variety of ways - whether you helped in your child's classroom, chaperoned field trips, sponsored a school student club, attended a monthly PAC Meeting, served as an Executive member or volunteered for one of the PAC programs or events. Our Raymer school community appreciates your involvement.



Stay informed about PAC events & News facebook.com/RaymerPAC

Email: raymerpac@gmail.com

Wash Your Hands Often!

Wash your hands with soap and water for a full
"Twinkle Twinkle"



When do I wash?

- Whenever I leave the classroom
- Whenever I come into the classroom
- Frequently while in the classroom
- Before and after eating

Healthy Tips For COVID-19

School is going to look different now. The biggest change is that I can't touch my friends or share my things with them. It will be hard, but let's look at what we CAN do to help each other stay healthy.



What Can I Do?

Wash my
hands often



Give my
friends space



Cough into
my sleeve



Wave hello



Air high five!



Play outside



5-DAY SELF-LOVE Challenge

To complete this challenge, choose a challenge buddy and go through the activities together. Once you complete each activity, put a checkmark next to it below.

MY NAME IS _____ MY CHALLENGE BUDDY IS _____

We began this challenge on (date) _____

When we complete this challenge we will celebrate by _____

- ☐  Words That Describe Me
- ☐  I Am Grateful For My Body
- ☐  My Emoji Bookmarks
- ☐  I Can Choose My Thoughts!
- ☐  Owl Always Be Amazing

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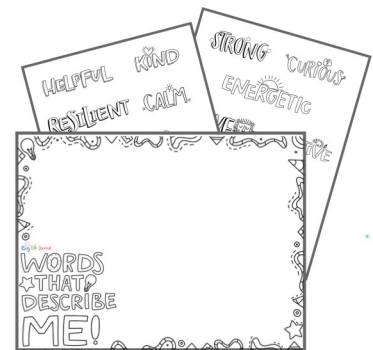
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WORDS that DESCRIBE ME

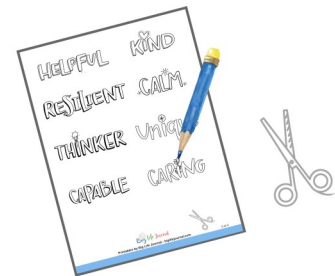
How many loving and positive words can you think of to describe yourself? This activity will give you lots of great suggestions!

HOW TO MAKE

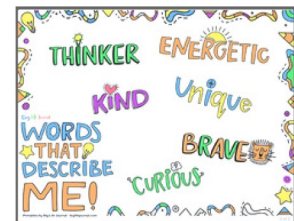
1 Print out the page with the frame. You can write your own words inside the frame or use the words provided (steps 2 and 3).

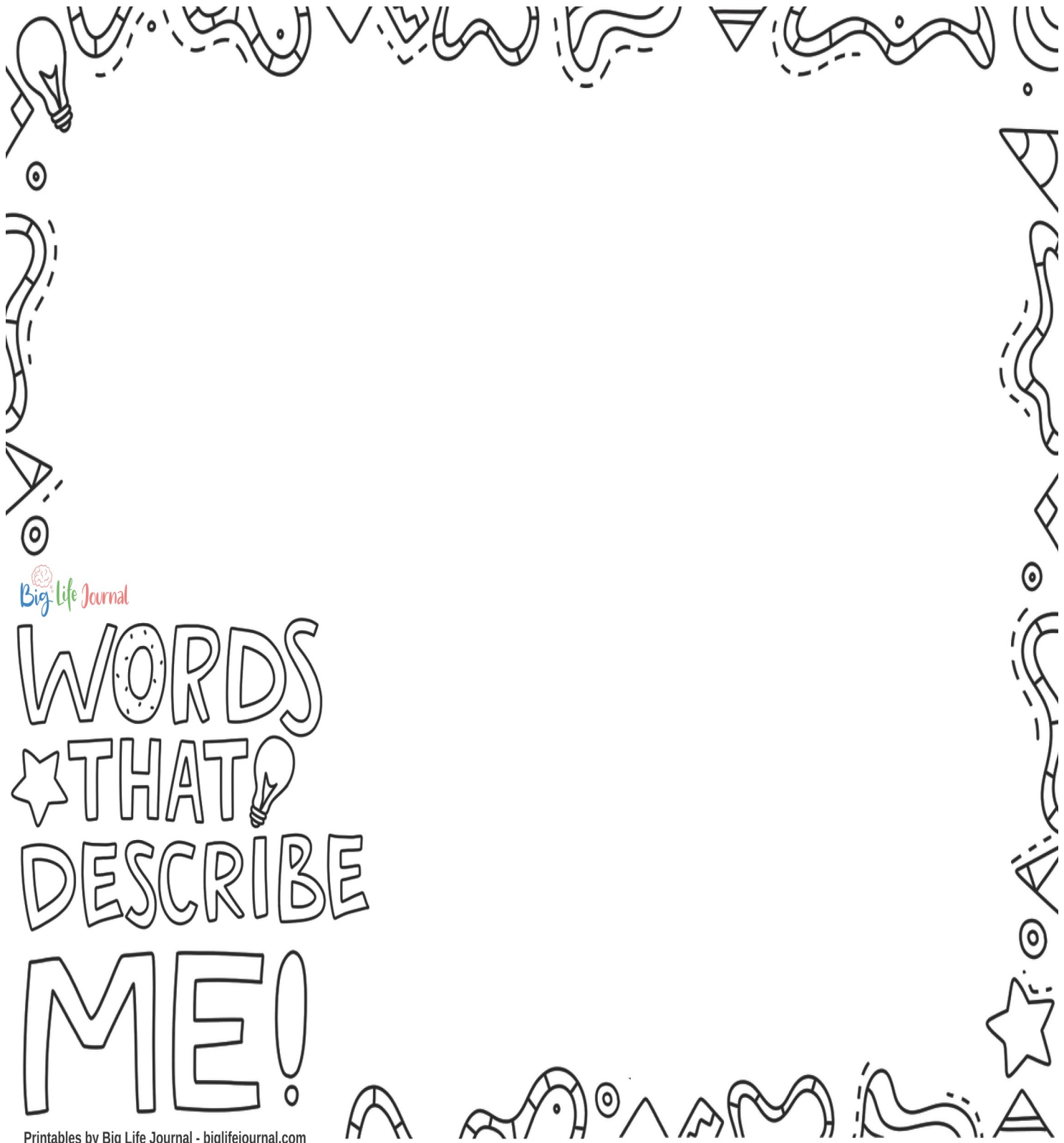


2 Choose the words that describe you and color them before cutting them out.



3 Cut the words out and glue or tape them inside your frame. Add your own words if you have more room.





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WORDS ★THAT DESCRIBE ME!

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HELPFUL

KIND

RESILIENT

CALM

THINKER

Unique

CAPABLE

CARING





STRONG CURIOUS

ENERGETIC

BRAVE CREATIVE

HAPPY

CONFIDENT



day
2

I Am GRATEFUL

For My Body

My body is



and



It helps me

It keeps me



My brain helps me

With my face I can

My heart is filled with



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day
3

My EMOJI Bookmarks

Make bookmarks for your Big Life Journal or another favorite book!



HOW TO MAKE



1 Print out the bookmark templates on regular paper and cut out the square.



2 With the emoji illustration faced down, fold the square in half diagonally to create a triangle. Press along all the folds to crease.



3 Fold each outer corner of the triangle to meet together at the top of the triangle so the illustration comes together. Tape or glue down.



4 Turn the diamond over and fold the flap underneath to create a pocket and crease.

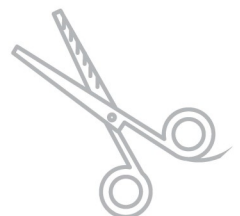
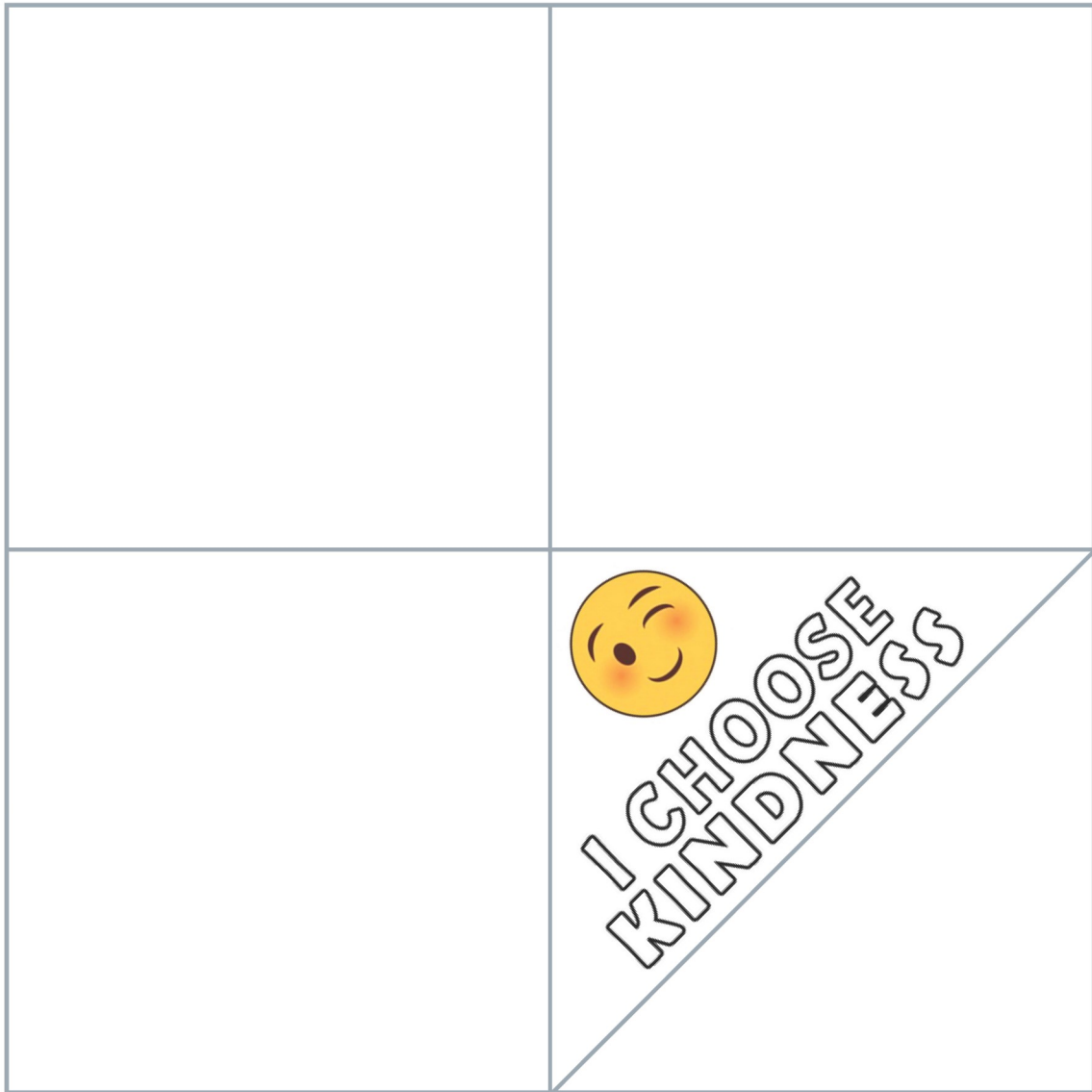


5 Your bookmark is ready to use inside your favorite book or journal!

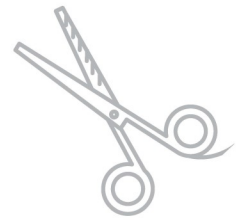
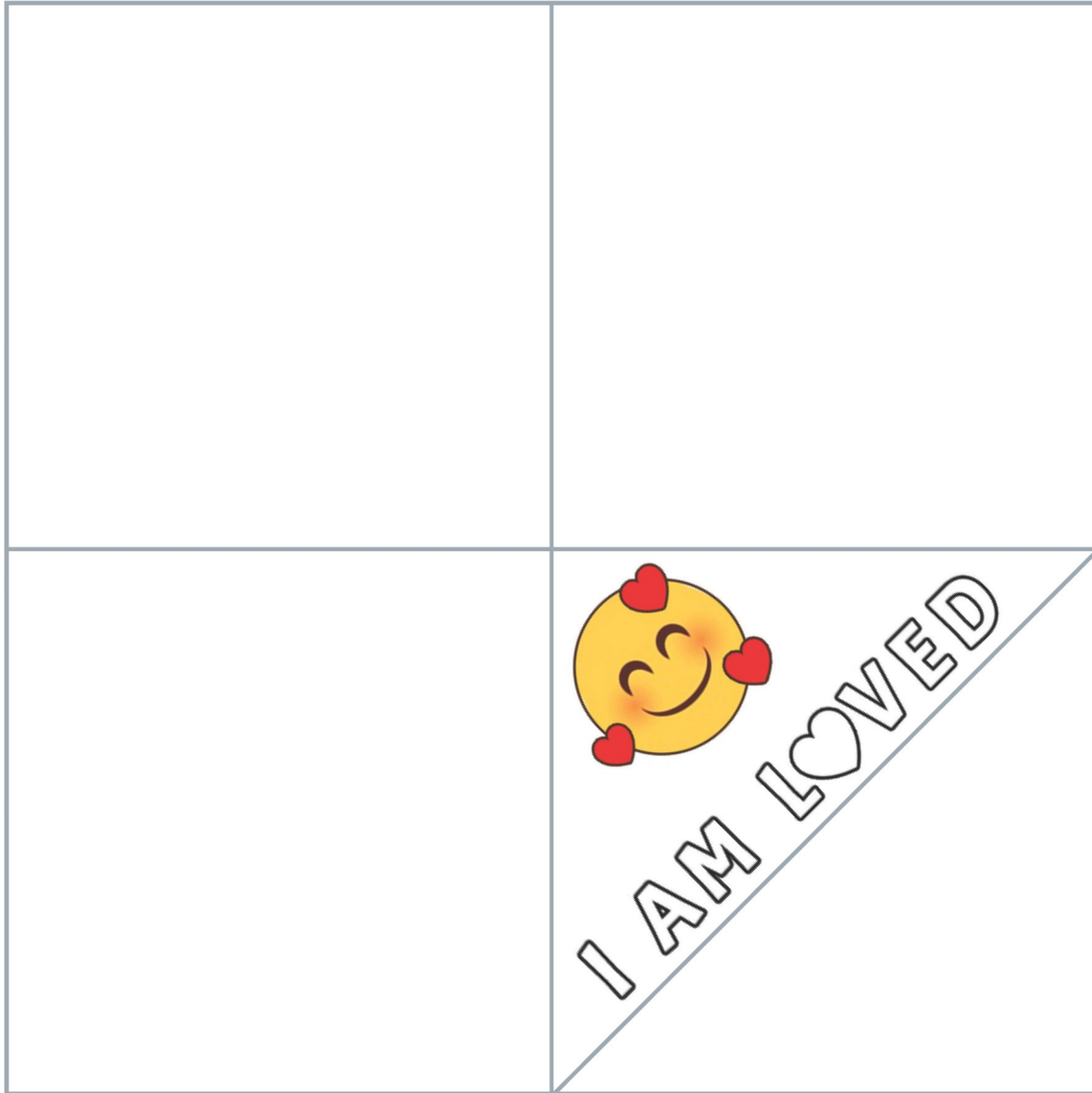
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day 3 My "EMOJI" Bookmarks

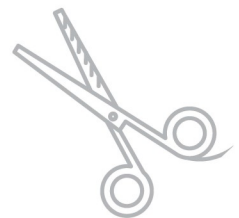


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day 3 My EMOJI Bookmarks

	 I AM ENOUGH

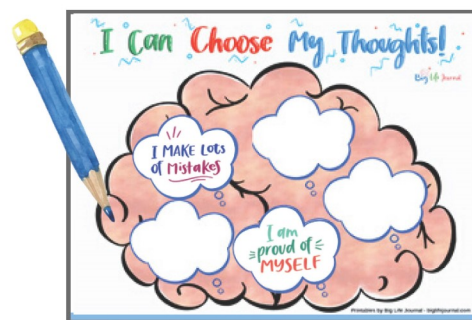


day 4 I Can Choose My Thoughts!

We can choose the kind of thoughts we think about ourselves. The kind, empowering, and supportive thoughts will make us feel strong and loved!

HOW TO MAKE

- 1** **Print** out the pages with the brain and the bubble thoughts.
- 2** **Choose** the thoughts which make you feel strong and loved. **Cut** out these thoughts and **glue or tape** to your brain page. Add one more positive, loving thought!
- 3** **Color** your brain anyway you like!



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day
4

I MAKE Lots
of Mistakes

I can
= make a
mistake and =
learn from
it

I am
= proud of =
MYSELF

I
can't do
anything =
Right

My
ideas are
= **UNIQUE** and =
VALUABLE

My
ideas are =
= no good =



I can't learn
difficult things

I can learn
ANYTHING!

I Can Choose My Thoughts!

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