



LOVE IN ACTION

Greetings MCA Elementary Families! We hope you are doing well!

Although we are unable to gather for our weekly Chapel gatherings, I'm hopeful that you have created space to pray, read the scriptures, and worship.

Our theme for April is LOVE. Our scripture text is 1 Corinthians 13:4-5: "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs."

Below are some very tangible ways to put love into action. (I've taken the liberty of condensing and customizing the definitions, but If you'd like to explore these further, I highly recommend Gary Chapman's book, *The Five Love Languages of Children*):

- 1. Words of affirmation.** Expressing love and care through words of affection, praise, and appreciation. Affirming words create a powerful sense of security and acceptance.
- 2. Acts of service.** Expressing love and care by serving, helping, and doing. Jesus served God and others through His life, teachings, and sacrifice.
- 3. Giving gifts.** Expressing love and care through gifts. Cards and gifts symbolize the gift-giver's thoughtfulness, effort, and attention.
- 4. Quality time.** Expressing love and care by spending time with others. Time conveys a message of significance, support, and connectedness.
- 5. Physical touch.** Expressing love and care through hugs, pats on the back, high-fives, etc. Appropriate, God-honoring touch communicates warmth, security, and closeness.

Let's be continually reminded of God's love for us as we seek to love others through words, service, gifts, time, and touch.

In His Service,

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