

How will you be a good neighbour?

We are often reminded to love our neighbors as ourselves. Neighbours can be whomever we come into contact with: our co-workers, people in the restaurants we eat in, people in the grocery store line, a student in the next desk or people living in the area around our school.

So, what does loving your neighbour mean or look like?

Loving your neighbour might mean having a selfless concern for the well-being of the people around you. Do you take the extra time to: clean up garbage that might be on the ground, say thank you, tell people you love them, really listen, or respect others and their property by not blocking their driveways, cutting across their lawns or running into their garbage bins. To get some other ideas on how to be a good neighbour, I thought I would go to the experts, the students of Leo Nickerson. Here are a few of their thoughts:

“Talk to them, even if they don’t have kids.”

“If you have a pet, show it to them or let them pet it.”

“Be friendly and do something nice for them; my dad once mowed my neighbour’s lawn without them knowing.”

“Talk nice to them.”

“Show kindness and respect.”

“Be generous.”

“Lend them a hand.”

“Help them out.”

So families of Leo Nickerson, can you do it? Can you be a good neighbour?

Living the Golden Rule

Everyday, we ask the students of Nickerson to live the “Golden Rule”. ***Wouldn’t the world, and our small part of it, our neighborhood, be a better place if we treated others the way we wanted to be treated and loved our neighbour as ourselves?*** Before you block a driveway, illegally park, let your dog run free or encourage your child to run unsafely across the street to your car, ask yourself – am I living the “Golden Rule”, am I being the kind of neighbor I would want? If we all work together, we can make sure that our neighbourhood is the safe and caring place we all want for everyone.

