Dear MCES Families,

THIS MONTH /// We are rounding the corner to our mid-way point and starting unit four of the Friendzy program. This unit teaches students that "**Teamwork Makes The Dream Work.**" We will discuss and dive into God's Word to discover what an incredible gift it is when we learn to work as a team and serve one another with our gifts! We are better together.



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1 PETER 4:10 NLT

Catchphrase (main point for students to catch on to):

"Teamwork Makes The Dream Work"

Key Verse (Biblical anchor points):

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." Mark 12:30-31

"God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another." 1 Peter 4:10

Goal: To love God and to love others. To use my gifts to serve those around me.

Continue the Conversation (discuss the following points at home)

- 1. **Love God.** The goal is to win with the help of your team. As followers of Jesus, what is our goal? In Mark 12:30-31, it says that we should "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength."
- 2. **Love others.** The second part of Mark 12:30-31 instructs us to "Love your neighbor as yourself." Our goal is simple: to love God which then enables us to love others.
- 3. **Serve others with your gifts.** When we use the gifts and talents God has given each of us to serve others and advance the team, we can accomplish so much more than we could on our own. (1 Peter 4:10)

Your students are learning to apply these principles in the classroom, at home and beyond: to love their neighbors (classmates, family and beyond), use their gifts to serve them, and work together as a team. Students will also be reflecting on how this love for our neighbors is only possible because of the love we first receive from God.

TRY THIS AT HOME /// Within family life, it's easy to overlook the gifts that each member brings to the table because we are so familiar with each other. If we are not intentional, we can miss the unique contribution that each member of our family is to the



team (family unit). Take time together as a family one day this week, affirming each member for the unique gifts they bring. You'll never regret a moment spent celebrating each other!

Over the next few weeks, we hope your student will begin to use this unit's Catchphrase:

"Teamwork Makes the Dream Work." The Catchphrase is the main point that we want the students to retain and use

over and over.

WHAT'S AWESOME ABOUT YOUR STUDENT? /// Can you share one thing you think is awesome about your student? This month we are celebrating each other as a class.

When kids learn friendship, they learn it for life!

Blessings,

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