

The Kissing Hand

Dear Parents,

As part of a class project for tomorrow, we need you to trace and cut out the outline of your hand. Please send in your hand cut-out tomorrow.

Thanks for your participation,

The next day we read and discuss The Kissing Hand. We do a "book talk," listing our likes and dislikes. Then the students get out the cut-out of their parent's hand. We talk about making a "kissing hand" for our parents to hold when they are missing us. We add a big red heart sticker in the center and brainstorm ways to make each "kissing hand" special..... color it the parent's favorite color, draw parent's favorite thing to do on it, draw lots of hearts on it, etc.

Then we attach the decorated hand to the following note and send it home:

Dear Parents,

We read the book The Kissing Hand by Audrey Penn. It is a story about a little raccoon named Chester who was anxious about leaving home and going to school. So his mother decided to share a "family secret" with him- the "kissing hand". She gave him a kiss on his paw and told him to press the kiss to his cheek whenever he missed her.

We know that you, too, may be anxious about your new Kindergartener going to school for the first time. So your child has made a "kissing hand" for YOU. (Feel free to use as needed.)