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Madeira Elementary Students Spread Messages of Hope

Rainbows have long been believed to be a promise of good things to come, and students in the Madeira City School District are showing how much they believe in that promise.

Madeira Elementary School (MES) art teacher Beth Smith came across an article about residents of Italy hanging rainbows in windows as a message of hope in response to the COVID-19 epidemic. The idea has since spread around the world and Beth brought it home to Madeira. In Zoom classroom meetings and the Specials Team newsletter to families, she showed students examples with a demo video and a how to slide show. She asked them to create rainbows with any art supplies they had at home, then hang them in the windows of their homes. The Specials Team teachers hung rainbows on their windows as well.

“In facilitating this project, I realized how much so many people want to find a way to support each other during this time,” Smith stated. “It’s hard to find a way to do that during social distancing, but the rainbows are a message that we are all here for each other, and that we care. The creativity and process of making a rainbow appears to have brought a lot of families and children together as well.”

The trend that started in other countries created a ripple effect of compassion. In their virtual art classes, MES students helped spread that worldwide positive message of hope, caring, and togetherness to their community.

For more rainbows see www.madeiracityschools.org.



MES third grader Sloan Slaughter and her tissue paper stained glass window rainbow