



Arkansas Peace Week

Make Peace our "Natural" State!

September 17-24, 2023

Arkansas Peace Week has compiled the following program to help schools and youth organizations take concrete steps to counter the violence that has become such an integral part of our society and threatens the safety of our children.

In 2017, Pax Christi Little Rock (PCLR) worked with school counselor Mildred Calhoun to develop a peace curriculum for Rockefeller Elementary. The curriculum was taught and more importantly experienced by the students each day during Arkansas Peace Week.

In 2018 we have expanded the curriculum and making it available to all elementary schools the Little Rock School District. An entire curriculum version is available at www.arkansaspeaceweek.com, however, following are some ideas and a condensed version of curriculum ideas.

Peace Week Rally

- Plan a school wide rally
- Arkansas Peace Week planning committee can help you find a speaker! Please let us know if you would like us to connect you to a potential speaker.

Peace Week Art Contest

- Have students in each class draw a picture that depicts Peace and Love.

Peace Week Writing

- Have students in each class write about “Imagine a World Without Hate”

Peace Week Drive for Change

- Each grade will compete in a loose change donation drive to contribute to local charities.
- Host a Peace-za Party for the grade that collects the most change.

Peace Week Film Screening: Woodruff: A Lesson of Non-Violence

- Screen the film in classes or with the whole school. Discuss how Woodruff Elementary learned to deal with conflicts peacefully.
- <https://www.arkwand.com/woodruff-a-lesson-on-non-violence/>

Peace Week Walk

- All School Peace Walk around the School perimeter. Sing songs or chants promoting peace.

Peace Week Books: Add these books to the school library. Read Books in class and discuss with students.

- Peace Week in Miss Fox's Class
- The Peace Book

Peace Week Lesson Plans

- The following lessons are available. Teachers can use the whole program or choose individual lessons. Lessons can be adapted for different age students.
 - Resolving Conflicts Without Violence
 - Making Amends and Forgiving Others
 - Serving Others in Need
 - Standing with Others Who Are Treated Unfairly
 - Speaking Out Against Injustice

For more information visit www.arkansaspeaceweek.com or email arpeaceweek@gmail.com

