

Messages of Support

K–2 GRADE
EXTENSION ACTIVITY

1. Identify someone the students know who is affected by cancer. Contact the person or the person's family to find out if they would be interested in receiving messages of support from the students. If they are interested, find out the best way to send the students' messages of support.

If you do not know someone affected by cancer, contact the social worker or child life specialist at your local children's cancer hospital or the social worker at your local cancer center. This person can help you identify ways to send the students' messages of support.

2. Gather the following resource:
 - > Paper
 - > Crayons and Markers
 - > Video camera (optional)
3. Have students draw pictures, write letters of support, or create video messages for someone affected by cancer. Students can do this individually or you may choose to do one group project, such as a group letter or a poster that all the students help to create. You may want to list words on the board that will help students such as **LIVESTRONG**, helping, support, love. You can also write down information about the person (such as their name, age and favorite things to do) that will help the students to personalize their messages.
4. Remind students that whenever someone is sick, especially if they are very sick with something like cancer, just knowing that people are thinking about them can help them and give them strength to cope with their illness. Though it may seem like a small thing, support from loved ones can help people to **LIVESTRONG**.