

Be a “Cool Kind Kid Challenger”™

“Hi, everyone,” Ms. Gilmour said, as each child came into the Cool Kind Kid class. Tanner, Nicole, Stephen, Carmen, Rudy and Truman the Dragon all greeted her.

“Last time we talked about the ‘Cool Kind Kid’ Challenge and how you applied it over the holidays.” she said after the students settled down.

Rudy said, “We’ve been talking about the Challenge for a long time.”

Nicole agreed, “That’s because it’s important.”

Tanner added, “We need to get more kids on board with the Challenge so we can do more to stop bullying.”

“I agree,” said Ms. Gilmour.

Truman the Dragon was thinking, and after a while, everyone started looking at him. He looked back at the kids and asked, “What?”

They replied, “We’re waiting to see what you are thinking. You have that look on your face.”

“I saw something on the Internet about a group of kids in the United Kingdom who decided to be ‘Anti-Bullying Ambassadors,’” explained Truman.

Right away the kids were excited. They were clapping, jumping up and down and high-fiving Truman. He went on, “Why can’t we do something like that?”

“That sounds like a great idea,” said Ms. Gilmour,

“but you do know that we can’t use their name.”

The kids all agreed that they would have to think of a different name.

Tanner was waving his hand. “I know! We are already using the ‘Cool Kind Kid’ Challenge, so we can be the ‘Cool Kind Kid Challengers.’” Everyone thought that was a great name.

Ms. Gilmour added, “We are now officially the ‘Cool Kind Kid Challengers.’”

Ms. Gilmour looked around the room at each of the kids and asked, “Now, what are you going to do as ‘Cool Kind Kid Challengers?’”

Carmen said, “I’m going to keep challenging kids to be cool enough to be kind.”

Rudy added, “I’m going to keep challenging kids to be tough enough to be kind.”

Stephen shared, “Let’s ask everyone at our schools to become ‘Cool Kind Kid Challengers.’”

Nicole continued, “We can take this to our sports teams outside of school.”

Tanner added, “And to all the places we go in our community.”

Truman shared, “I’m glad my idea has everyone so excited. Maybe we should take this to the mayor and city council.”

Ms. Gilmour watched as the kids were thinking of all



the places they could go and the kids they could reach with the “Cool Kind Kid Challenge.”

She said, “Let’s write a press release and send it to the newspaper.” Nicole asked what a press release was.

Ms. Gilmour explained, “A press release is a short story to let people in the community

know about something that is happening. It might be fun for us

to write it next time we meet. Between

now and then, let’s be thinking about

what and who a ‘Cool Kind Kid

Challenger’ should be. Remember, be

positive.”

As they left, they heard Ms. Gilmour

call out, “Good-bye, Cool Kind Kid

Challengers.”



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