



Martin Luther King Jr. Day Elementary Essay Contest

Grades DK-1

Prompt 1:

Make a list of 5 things you can do to make the world a better place.

*Parents/caregivers can help scribe if needed to translate under the idea the child generated.

Key Requirements: List includes 5 specific actions.

Prompt 2:

Draw a picture that shows how you would make the world a better place.

Key Requirements:

- Picture is clear and shows an action that a child can take to make the world a better place.
- Picture includes labels or captions to explain the picture/action.

All entries are to be submitted to the student's school office by Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2024

Grade 2

Prompt:

In 1-2 paragraphs, describe how you can help make the world a better place.

Key Requirements:

- Describe at least 2 specific actions that can be taken to make the world a better place.
- Why the actions are important or why they were selected.
- A 'published' piece that is well revised and edited to include proper grammar, capital letters and proper punctuation.

Life's most persistent and urgent question is, "What are you doing for others?"

Grades 3-5

Prompt:

Martin Luther King Jr. shared his dream for what the world should be like. His dream was to have a fair, peaceful world where everyone is equal to one another. What would your dream world be like?

Key Requirements:

- A minimum of 2-3 paragraphs
- Describe at least 2 specific aspects of a dream world
- A 'published' piece that is well revised and edited to include proper grammar, capital letters and proper punctuation.

