

**Title:** Chain of Empathy

**Focus:** (Character Traits) Empathy

**Background:** To focus on Empathy as a part of our daily teaching for the month.

**Resources:** Strips of coloured paper (school colors, or red and green for Christmas, or a rainbow ... )

**Schools to Contact:** Lakeroad

**Outline:** As part of Language Arts program students wrote sentences about an act that demonstrated empathy towards others. Strips were collected and made into chains and strung in the hallway. The purpose of the chain was to demonstrate how acts of kindness impact the lives of others.

**Impact:**

Student Achievement: Make students aware of the situations and feelings of others.

School Culture: Cross grade activity which brightens hallways and makes everyone aware of empathetic acts which are displayed in the school on a daily basis.

Student and Staff Engagement: Encourage sharing of the understanding of empathy among staff and students.

**Possible Extension Activities / Reflections:** Use mentor texts to find empathetic acts and infer for meaning. Do this activity in peer/learning/family groups.