



## Zooming into 2021

While we can't be together in person yet, TOP is excited to continue connecting on Zoom and supporting our community in creative ways.

We can't wait to explore new lessons and cool CSL projects to support the community this quarter! We are looking forward to exploring emotions, creating mindfulness tools to share with school staff and students, and building each other up by noticing the positives. In February, we will be exploring stereotypes and creating projects to break down labels. We will also create projects to celebrate lesser known African American figures from history. Finally, we will explore relationships by talking about family, friends, and love.



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## Looking Back, Moving Forward

Before winter break, we celebrated student accomplishments. Students reflected on their first semester in TOP and told us they learned...

- \* "not to give up and try harder!"
- \* "that TOP is a non-judgmental space."
- \* "to help other people!"
- \* "that I am proud to be in TOP and proud of all the students in the class!"
- \* "about us coming together as a team."
- \* "that there is no bullying here."
- \* "how to be kind and nice!"



## CSL: Making Change from a Distance

Virtual TOP Community Service Learning projects got even more creative last quarter as we focused on supporting people experiencing poverty in our community and around the world.

### Local Poverty: Donation Kits for LifeWise

Students played the online game Spent to learn how to live on a budget of \$1,000 a month. Then, students used what they learned to go virtual shopping on a budget for items to put in a donation kit of their choice. Ms Cheezy and Ms Sprinkles later went shopping for the items on their list. Donation kits included cooking kits, self-care kits, and kits to support kids at the early childhood center at LifeWise (an organization that supports people experiencing poverty in St. Louis).



### Global Poverty: Free Rice

Students played Free Rice where they answered trivia questions about math, English, or Coronavirus to donate rice across the world.

### Celebrating our Service

Students celebrated their hard work by playing an Among Us themed game TOP Trivia Reflection Game and creating a club playlist, including Rod Wave, Corvette Corvette, and the SpongeBob remix! We had a great time doing these projects and can't wait to see what students create next semester!

