

# How ThinkGive Helped my School Teach Kindness and Social Justice During Remote Learning

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ThinkGive was the perfect gift at the perfect time for our students. As a school social worker in Portland, CT who teaches SEL classes to 100 3rd grade students each week, I was unclear how I would provide distance learning to our students. ThinkGive's multimodal approach for teaching children to use kindness to engage with their world was critical during the recent pandemic and protests focused on the death of George Floyd. ThinkGive will continue to be essential as we return to the "new normal," as the need for kindness in our world is possibly more important now than when we left in-person learning in March.

The ThinkGive curriculum is a wonderful way to teach students memorable lessons on the importance of giving, and covers a whole gamut of topics, including social justice. The first lesson on giving something small set the stage for a far more courageous lesson on change through giving back to your community.

All schools need to encourage more courageous anti-racism conversations. ThinkGive provides teachers with a space where these conversations can happen; and provides students with a space where they can explore their beliefs and deepen their understanding. Using ThinkGive as my guide, I am actually excited to have these conversations with our students when we return to school.

The charge this summer from administrators is to make all lessons ready for in-person learning, hybrid learning, and distance learning. ThinkGive's curriculum allows for learning to be seamless regardless of where the students are located. It also provides what students need most right now: an opportunity to connect with each other in a positive way.

