September 11: A Day of Remembrance

1. In the immediate aftermath of the September 11 attacks, a “**world community**” emerged; people from all walks of life and all parts of the world joined together to help.

* Do you think that the spirit of “world community” **still exists**? If so, what are some examples?
* If not, **do we need a crisis to bring us together**? Are there other ways to build and sustain that sense of fellowship?

2. Since 9/11, new forms of **communication and technology have expanded social networks** and increased our access to information and other people.

* How can these new communication/technologies **HELP** create a world community?
* How can these new communication/technologies **TEAR DOWN** a world community?

3. Often, acts of terrorism have the effect of reinforcing awareness of differences within a community and heightening a sense of **“us” versus “them.”**

* What group was a major target of stereotyping in a negative way after 9/11?
* How can we resist the impulse to view other people stereotypically as “others”?

5. Identify **people** – from history, the news, and/or your life – **who** **have performed extraordinary acts of service,** and inspire you to volunteer.

* Name one person, and tell how they inspired you to volunteer (can be from film)

6. The individuals in the film found that **volunteering their time** and **resources** **helped them, in turn, to heal and recover after 9/**11. Now, government leaders and 9/11-related organizations have designated September 11 as a Day of Service and Remembrance to honor those who were killed and encourage all Americans to do something for their community.

* Do you think it makes sense to connect the story and anniversary of 9/11 with community service? Why or why not?
* For the next anniversary of the September 11 attacks, what kinds of service projects can your class accomplish to help others in your community?

Tomorrow IS September 11. Your job after school today is to visit my weebly (msrehm.weebly.com) and click “United We Serve” button. Check out the website and find some way you can perform at least one act of kindness. Then, register your good deed on **MyGoodDeed.org**.

This site wants millions of people to commit to doing a good deed on the anniversary of September 11, 2001, ranging from simple acts of kindness to more ambitious projects that will help the world community.

**Brainstorm a list of ideas of good deeds that you can ACTUALLY ACCOMPLISH TOMORROW (*ex: you can’t build a house for someone in one day, but you can donate clothes and shoes to Goodwill!*)**