

# The Mitten Project

Over the past number of years, classes at Lakewood have worked together at this time of year to collect socks, mittens, toques, and scarves for the homeless community in Victoria. The focus of this project is to have the children practice empathy, compassion, and generosity in a real-world setting.

The inspiration for the project is the story:

## Lily and the Paper Man

After reading the story, we discussed how Ray, the Paper Man, might have ended up selling papers in the cold of winter. Lily, the little girl, is afraid of Ray. However, her parents model their respect for Ray and she is inspired to gather items so he can stay warm.

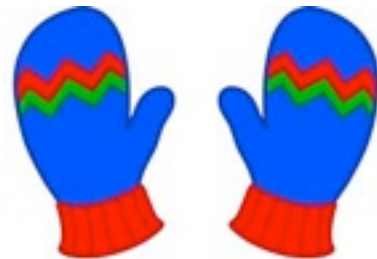


We decided that this text-to-life connection could happen right here at Lakewood! Just like Lily, we are going to collect items for the people at **Our Place Society** in downtown Victoria.

Over the next few weeks, we will be collecting items that will be delivered downtown on the last day of school before Christmas break.

### **We are collecting:**

- mittens and gloves
- socks
- scarves
- toques



**many, many thanks...**