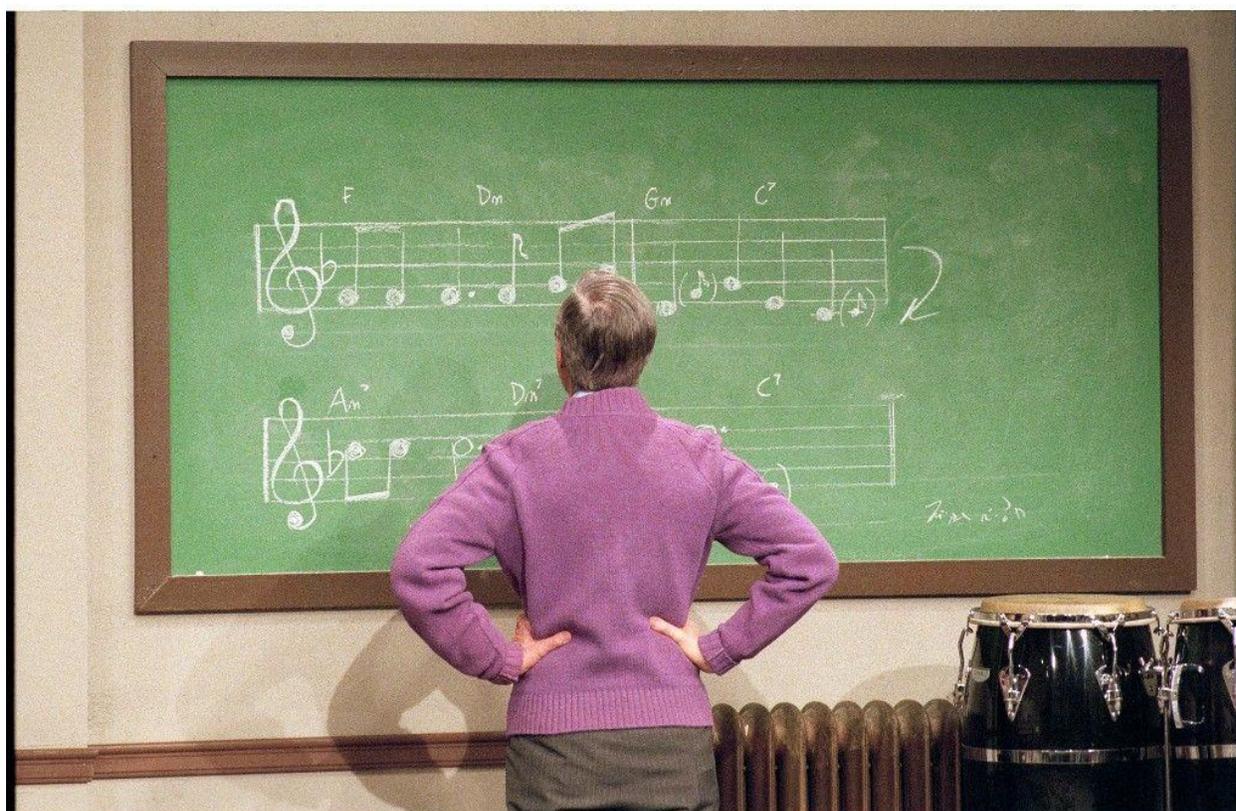


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What We Can Continue to Learn from Fred Rogers



A Musical Holiday Gift



With the approaching holidays, I've been thinking about some of the gifts that Fred has given us over the years. His messages were about things that were important to young children, but they were also important to Fred personally - - appreciating others, connecting with family and friends, and enjoying music. And I remembered a *Neighborhood* program when those messages came together. It's one of my favorites, and I wanted to offer it to you as kind of a holiday gift. I have a hunch it may have been one of Fred's favorites, too, because it features his friend, the great cellist Yo-Yo Ma -- and his son.

There are lots of heartwarming moments in this video, as Fred remembers Yo-Yo Ma making music with his son, Nicholas, when his son was quite young and later as a teenager. I thought you might like to know that now as an adult, Nicholas Ma is an accomplished filmmaker. He's a writer and director and was one of the producers of the award-winning bio-documentary "Won't You Be My Neighbor."

I hope you enjoy the music, the father and son collaboration, and Fred's thoughts at the end of the video, which feel like a warm holiday message for us all.

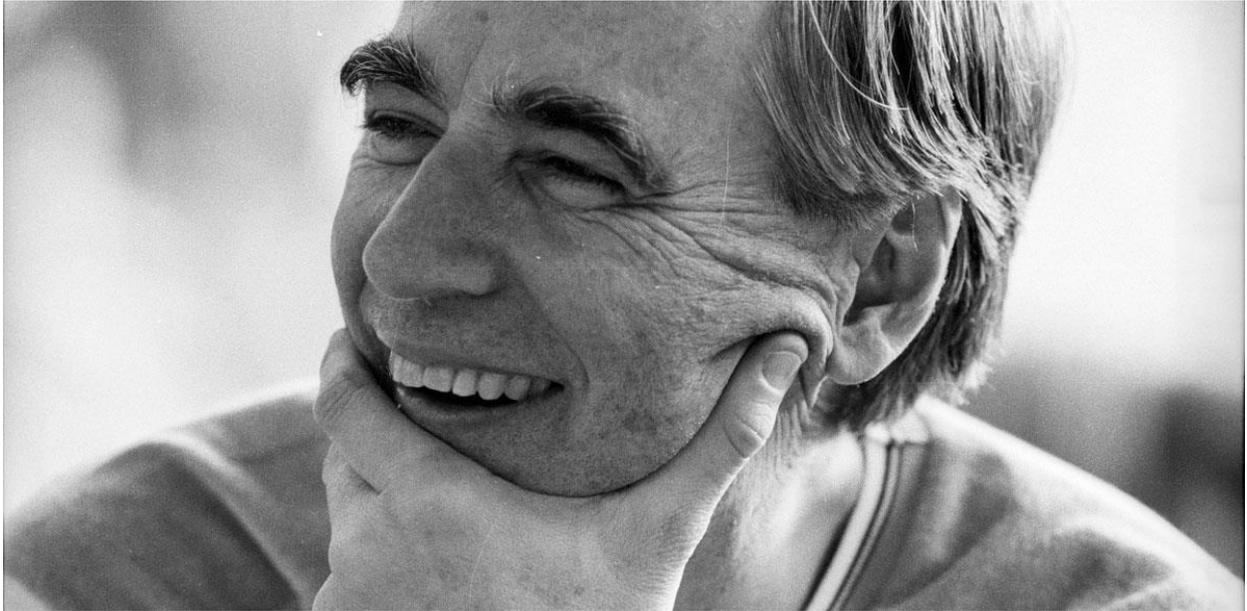


Everyone here at the Fred Rogers Center joins me in sending you our warmest wishes for the holiday you're celebrating this winter. And we hope that you'll have a healthy new year ahead, with fewer challenges and more moments of comfort and joy.

Thank you for being our neighbor,

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Timeless Wisdom from Fred Rogers



"The gifts we treasure most over the years are often small and simple. In easy times and in tough times, what seems to matter most is the way we show those nearest us that we've been listening to their needs, to their joys, and to their challenges."

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