

# Holiday Survival Guide: Time for a Self-Love Bootcamp.

## **Daily Mantras/Self-Affirmations**

Say these phrases multiple times a day, especially when stressed or feeling guilty about something not being done.

"I Count, I Matter, I deserve to enjoy my holidays!"

"I can only do what I can do and what I am doing is Good Enough."

# **Three Deep Breaths**

Deep breathing is the quickest was to calm and soothe yourself. Breath in through your nose and out through your mouth as if blowing out of a straw.

#### **Daily Practice:**

This exercise can be used daily to cultivate feelings of compassion and loving kindness for yourself. It can also be used in times of stress or self-judgment. Try it for a few minutes in the morning and again in the evening, even in bed. Find a quiet place to sit. Close your eyes, take a few deep breaths to center yourself, place your hands over your heart and repeat these phrases until you feel calm. (3-4X)

## **Loving Kindness Practice**

May I feel safe May I feel peaceful May I be kind to myself May I accept myself as I am (or my life as it is)

# Remember to be mindfully Present in your activities and conversations

Mindfulness is a new skill of being totally present in the moment, whether washing dishes or folding laundry, vs. lost in thought. Or being totally present and attentive in a conversation. The more you practice mindfulness, the more happy, grateful, calm and resilient you will be.

Let yourself be playful and do what you enjoy (and don't do what you dread). Look and think and act through the lens of a child.