



APRIL 2018

GILSON BROWN ELEMENTARY

31 – The number of school days we have left to make a difference during this school year. Every day we come to school ready to make that difference. Your children have come so far this year and I am excited each time they come to my office and share their sentences, stories, reading levels, and other accomplishments with me. Please continue to praise your child for the effort they give each day at school. Ask them what made them struggle? Did you make any mistakes? Did you learn from these mistakes? What is something you learned today that you didn't know yesterday?

Student Showcase

Don't forget that May 10th, at 6:00 pm, we will be hosting the first Student Showcase ever. This will be an evening full of fun and excitement! You will be dazzled by how much your child has learned this school year. There will be music, video, dance and more. Please, plan on coming. The program will last about a half hour and then we will share an ice cream social after the event. The total event time will be from 6:00 – 7:00 pm. We will also have door prizes and give aways for each of the students. See you then. **Mrs. Curvey**



On line registration for the 2018-2019 school year will be available from April 9th through May 4th. If you have internet capability, you can get on the district website, click on online registration, and begin the process. Please note that you will need to know your skyward access password to process your registration. Registering on line will save you the trouble of long lines and waiting at the high school in July for registration. As a side note, we will not have teacher names available at registration now or at the July registration. These class lists will be finalized after the July central registration. Good luck and please call if you have questions. You may also call the board office for assistance or questions with your online registration. (474-2600)

April showers bring blossoming Kindergarten students. We have come a long way but we still have time to make a difference and increase our learning to show what we know!

During your evening reading with your child, please remember it is important to read books multiple times to improve fluency and expression. Ask questions about the story: who are the characters, what is the setting, how can you retell the story and sequence the events? Comprehension is as important as fluency. We are working on writing 3 sentence stories using inventive spelling and our word wall words. Students will need to strive hard to increase their sight words so they can move up on our Karate sight words towards Black Belt (80).

At this point, it is important that your child can name and write all capital and lowercase letters and numbers 0-20 correctly. Don't forget to practice independently counting to 100. April weather can bring many changes, so please be mindful of dressing your child appropriately and work on shoe tying. As always, we appreciate your help at home. **Kindergarten**

April brings showers of information in First Grade. We will explore the needs of plants and share ways to protect our planet as Earth Day approaches. First graders will learn about recycling, protecting nature, and keeping the Earth clean.

As readers, your child should be reading closely for information and detail. Their fluency reflects phrasing and expression to support comprehension and understanding. Keep encouraging your child to problem solve in math and read for longer periods of time. Growth comes from struggle, effort, and thought! **First Grade**



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