



APRIL 2016

GILSON BROWN ELEMENTARY

School Reminders

- School starts at 8:15. Arriving after 8:15 will result in a tardy for your child.
- ALL parent drop offs in the morning are to be done at the parent drop off site by driving around the building and dropping off at the corner of the sidewalk. No students should be dropped off in the front of the building. This is the same procedure we have had since the beginning of the year. We need to keep the traffic route clear for buses. Beginning April 2nd, you will be asked to keep the student in the car, drive around the correct route and drop off in the correct location.
- School dismissal is at 2:40. Parents picking up students need to get in the parent pick-up line around the back of the building and wait for your child to be called once you are in line. Students will not be allowed to leave school early on a daily basis. Calling into classrooms in the afternoon to pick students up early is a disruption to the learning that is taking place. Beginning April 2nd, if you are a parent that consistently picks up your child early in the office, you will be asked to get in the pick up line with the rest of the parents to minimize disruption and to adhere to school procedures.
- The reason for these reminders is so that everyone knows how drop off and pick up are supposed to work. We have these procedures in place to help the whole school run smoothly and to protect our students. Please comply so as to ensure a smooth school operation. **Mrs. Curvey**

April
SHOWERS
BRING
May
FLOWERS



YET

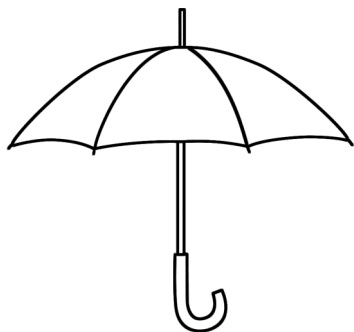
Ask your child about "The Power of Yet." This is a powerful tool to give any person, especially someone who is struggling to learn or to do something. By simply adding the word "yet" to the end of some sentences, our brain refocuses energy in solving problems. Here are some examples: "I can't do this...yet." "I don't know how to....yet." Teach your children that sometimes we have to struggle is good for them. Let them know that school should be hard. They shouldn't know everything there is to learn in school or they wouldn't need to come to school. Praise your kids for their efforts. Don't tell them how smart they are, tell them that you like the way they struggled to figure out an answer. Praise the process, not intelligence. Praising the intelligence may tell their brain that if something doesn't come easy, they aren't as smart as someone thought they were. (More on this idea in months to come.)



If you are participating in
the St. Jude's
Math-a-Thon, please
return your donations as
soon as possible.

What's hatching in kindergarten? Wow!! Incredible things are happening every second of every minute in our rooms. These kids are blossoming like crazy!!! We are learning about life cycles, eggs, and plants. Our caterpillars have formed chrysalis's. Now we are waiting to see what happens.... Your child is bringing home books weekly. It is important to read the books multiple times to improve fluency and expression. Ask questions about the story - Who are the characters, setting, retell the story, sequence of events that occurred in the story. Comprehension is as important as fluency. We are working on writing 2-3 sentences using inventive spelling and our word wall words. Please continue practicing the word wall words. In math, we have finished addition and have begun subtraction. We want the kids to understand addition as putting together and adding to....Subtraction is taking apart and taking from. Also we begin the teen numbers after subtraction. Please continue practicing counting to 100.
Kindergarten

Lice only crawl. They are transmitted by head to head contact or by sharing personal belongings like hats or combs. Please remind your student not to share personal items that have been in the hair and to try to keep their heads away from other student's heads.



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**

Notes from Nurse Maggie:

Kindergarten parents....Don't forget to turn in the required dental forms by May 15.