

# Gilson Brown Elementary School

## March 2017

### Notes from Mrs. Curvey

#### The Power of Yet

Over the next months, we will be doing a lot of talking about “The Power of Yet”. Think of something that you have told yourself you are unable to do: replace a faucet, hard math problems, knit a scarf...When we tell ourselves we cannot do something, then typically we can't. Just by adding a small word, yet, to the end of a sentence changes your thinking about it. So when your child says, “I don't know how to do this.” Help them by saying, “You don't know how to do this, YET.” Provide them the understanding that it takes hard work and struggle at times but it's worth it. I will share more with you on The Power of Yet as the year progresses.

Our 3rd quarter is quickly coming to an end. **Kindergarten** will begin learning our last 20 word wall words for a grand total of 80 words learned. All students are working towards their black belt in Sight Words Karate. March will be full of learning opportunities with Dr. Seuss's birthday, St. Patrick's Day, and the beginning of Spring. All students are working towards DRA 4 reading level. To achieve this goal, please make sure your child is reading nightly.

MARCHing on in **first grade**...In like a lion? Out like a lamb? First graders will be weather watchers for the month of March as we learn about rain, storms, wind and other signs of spring that bring changes around us. We will gather information, make predictions, and make inferences from weather-related books. Weather can be so exciting!

Our students are developing their reading growth by demonstrating deeper knowledge of complex stories and using appropriate rate, phrasing and expression. We are so proud of our book enthusiasts!

In math, we are encouraging students to use **THEIR** best strategy to solve a problem. There are often several ways to get an answer.

The end of 3rd quarter is March 10, with report cards issued on March 17.



**Recycling News...** Remember to save your used crayons for recycling and bring them to school. At the end of the school year, the pieces will be re-made into new crayons which will be distributed, free of charge, to local children in need.

We also recycle the following items at Gilson Brown that your children may bring in. Plastic bags, empty oral care products, soda tabs, and empty beauty care bottles.

**Science Fair...** Kolton Schollmeyer, Lucy Manker, Augie Landuyt, Andrea Gabriel, and Austin Jones represented Gilson Brown Elementary at the Science Fair on February 9th at North Elementary. All of these students received 1st place ribbons for their hard work on their Science experiments. Way to go!

**Math-A-Thon...** Information about the Math-A-Thon will be going home at the beginning of March. If your child would like to participate, please complete the Parent permission slip and return it to the nurse. Fun-books will be ordered once the permission slips are returned. All of the money collected should be returned by March 31. The money that is raised helps support St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

**ASTHMA...** We are asking that if your child has Asthma and has an order for an inhaler at school please ask your child's doctor to send an Asthma Plan to school. This requirement is from a law that was passed in January 2017. If your child has Asthma and you DO NOT have an order for an inhaler at school we suggest that you get a doctor's order for asthma medication, an Asthma Action Plan and an inhaler to be used at school if needed.

If your child has a Severe Asthma Episode at school that includes any of the following symptoms or situations, we will call 911 IMMEDIATELY:

- Very fast or hard breathing
- Nasal flaring, skin retracting over the neck, stomach and ribs
- Unable to talk/walk due to breathing
- Blue lips or fingernails
- Loss of consciousness
- No quick relief medication available
- No improvement with quick relief medication usage

If you have any questions, please contact Nurse Maggie

**Head Lice information...** The female louse lives up to 3 or 4 weeks and lay about 10 eggs per day. The eggs hatch in 10-14 days. Once the louse leaves the nit (egg) it takes about 9-12 days for it to grow. Then the female can lay eggs.

**PE notes...** Just a reminder please make sure your student wears tennis shoes on PE days, whether class is inside or outside. If your student does not have the appropriate shoes, they will not be able to participate in PE class.