

Gilson Brown

November 2018 Newsletter

From Mrs. Curvey...

Mindset Moment (The Power of Yet)

We are continuing our journey toward a growth mindset finishing up our October mantra, "Our Brain is like a muscle." Your child(ren) have learned that by trying new things, accepting challenges and embracing mistakes, we can grow our brains...strengthen them like a muscle. Continue to give your child(ren) opportunities to make mistakes and learn from them, provide challenges so they will grow, and encourage and praise effort because it is through all of these things, we become stronger and ready for the next obstacles that come our way.

November's Mindset Mantra is "I am a valued member of this learning community." We will be discussing ways to accept one another, praise one another, be enthusiastic about the success of others like we are about our own. Everyone wants to belong to something. At Gilson, we believe that building lasting positive relationships is integral in creating healthy happy children who grow into healthy happy adults. Relationships matter and make all the difference.

State-Wide Family Reading Night

Secretary of State, Jesse White, has declared November 15th as Family Reading Night. Please consider taking the time to read a book with/to your child. If you commit, we will hang your child's name on our Family Reading Night wall as recognition. More will come home soon.

Recess

We will go outside for recess every chance we get. If it is not raining or snowing, we will be out. That said, please dress your child(ren) accordingly. Watch the weather to help you decide on the appropriate clothing to wear. We will stay in on cold days when the wind chill is *below* 25 degrees.

Illinois 5 Essentials Survey

Once again, The Alton School District is taking part in the 5 Essentials Survey. Please complete this survey before January 18th. You should have already received an email regarding this with more explanation. This survey is very important and we would like to get 100% participation! Let's go Gilson Brown.

From Kindergarten...

Our Firehouse and Pumpkin Farm field trips were both a success and fun was had by all. Kindergarten has worked very hard the first quarter to learn letters, sounds, and 20 sight words. As we move into second quarter, we will be using our letter sounds to make words and will be adding 20 new sight words to our word walls. These words will help us to write/read simple sentences and emergent texts. In math, we will work to identify, write, and find ways to make numbers 6-10. We will continue to work on fall themes like bats, Farm/scarecrows/harvest, and Thanksgiving. We ask you to please practice the flash cards and skills that were printed and sent home with report cards. As the weather gets cooler, please help your child learn to independently zip, snap, tie, or button their own jackets, coats, and shoes.

From First Grade...

November is here and we are "thankful" for each and every one of our first graders. Throughout the month of November first grade will be studying Native Americans, turkeys, pilgrims and the First Thanksgiving. In math we will be starting our unit on subtraction. First grade students have been introduced to the thirty 1st quarter sight words and are excited to expand their vocabulary as we begin our 2nd quarter words. Please continue to study these words at home each night. We look forward to watching the students grow!