

GILSON BROWN

November 2019 NEWSLETTER

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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.

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.

Thank you

On behalf of the Gilson Brown Staff, I’d like to offer my sincere appreciation to all who were able to come to our Parent/Teacher conference days. It was great to be able to interact with you, listen to your child’s accomplishments and learn about next steps. You are your child’s first and most important teacher. When you work together with your child’s teacher/school, your child will experience a greater level of success.

Read

Read, read, read! Please remember that one of the easiest and cheapest ways to improve your child's reading ability is to have him read to you as well as listen to you read. Please read together every night! The more words your child reads, the more books he is exposed to, the better reader he will become. Think about books for Christmas Gifts!!!

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, farms, scarecrows, harvest and Thanksgiving. We ask you to please practice the flash cards and skills that were printed for you 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.

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 finishing our unit on subtraction and going on to more addition strategies and problem solving. 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!

Upcoming Dates

November 11th – Veteran's Day-No School

November 13th – Retake Picture Day (8:15-9:15 a.m.)

November 15th – Issue Progress Reports

November 19th – School Board Meeting, AHS, 7:00 p.m.

November 26th – Early Dismissal – 12:40 p.m.

November 27th-29th – Thanksgiving Break