

Gilson Brown

November 2017 Newsletter

From Mrs. Curvey... Happy November everyone! As you know, the students are learning a lot about changing their mindset from a fixed mindset to a growth mindset. From saying things like, "I don't get this," to "I don't get this, yet." Or "I can't do this," to "I can't do this, yet." From saying, "This is too hard." To saying, "How can I do this another way?" Each month, the students and staff embrace a new mindset mantra. This month's mantra is, "I am a valued member of this learning community." This month we will focus on feeling a part of something bigger. Making connections and building relationships. Our school vision statement is directly in line with this Growth Mindset thinking as it states:

"All students and staff at Gilson Brown will reach their highest potential, obtain a high quality education, and build significant positive relationships."

You, too, are a valued member of our school community. Who knows your child better than you? Without your help, support, and input, we would be missing an important piece of your child. Please, always let us know of anything you feel we should know to help us better know and understand your child. We will be teaching the students what it means to be a part of this school community, how to treat others with respect, and how to make everyone feel a part of something great. Throughout the month of November, ask your child about the power of yet and making others feel that they are important to our classrooms and school.

From First Grade... November brings history to first grade. We will travel back in time to learn about early Native Americans, Pilgrims, and the First Thanksgiving.

As our reading progresses, students will encounter longer reading passages with more attention to punctuation and fluency.

Our math concepts will focus on subtraction strategies. Students will take apart the whole, use pictures, and count backwards to help solve problems.

From Kindergarten... 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. Our Pumpkin Farm field trip was a success and fun was had by all. We will continue to work on fall themes like pumpkins, spiders, bats, 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 be able to zip, snap, or button their own jackets and coats.