

OCTOBER 2017 NEWSLETTER



Notes from Mrs. Curvey.....

Growth Mindset

What is it?

We used to think that our intelligence was fixed – meaning we were either smart or we weren't. Scientists have proven again and again that simply isn't true. Our brain acts like a muscle. The more we use it the stronger (and smarter) our brain becomes.

Is Your Mindset Fixed?

A person with a fixed mindset may do these things:

- Avoid challenges
- Give up easily
- Ignore feedback
- Become threatened by others' successes
- Try hard to appear as smart or capable as possible

What Does a Growth Mindset Look Like?

A person with a growth mindset may do these things:

- Embrace challenges
- Give their best effort
- Learn from feedback
- Become inspired by other people's successes
- Believe their intelligence can change if they work hard

Your child(ren) are learning about growing their brains and not giving up. Ask them about determination and grit!



Notes from 1st grade.....



FALLing for First Grade

So much has been happening in first grade! As the leaves are falling, our students are falling in love with learning. October is full of things to learn about. We will be exploring fall, fire safety, bats, spiders, and pumpkins through reading, writing, and sharing.

In math, we have learned many new strategies for addition and subtraction. The students have learned to count on, count back, and draw pictures to solve problems. This month we will add using doubles facts(ex :6+6,) and making a ten(ex: 7+3). So we will be practicing fluency in these facts.

Reading is getting exciting! Students are becoming independent readers by making reading sound more fluent, predicting events, and gaining information from books. Please continue reading at home. Here are some things to encourage in your reader:

- increasing sight words
- sounding/blending/chunking out unknown words
- using pictures and context clues
- skipping over and COMING BACK
- predicting/seeking information

We are looking forward to meeting all of you at Parent-Teacher Conferences October 26-27. Make sure you make an appointment when the letters come out. We love talking about the wonderful things your children are doing!



Notes from Kindergarten.....

Your little ones have been in school for almost 8 weeks. They are settling down and learning that there are rules that have to be followed just like the big kids. It is very important that every evening you check your child's green folder. In the folder are important papers and the daily behavior chart which needs to be initialed nightly. If your child has had a difficult day please discuss the rules with him/her. Weekly, you are receiving a paper with the skills being taught in the classroom, please continue working on these skills at home. Your child's education is a collaboration of all of us working together so we have a successful kindergarten year.