2nd Grade Monthly Newsletter

January 6, 2017

"Doing Whatever It Takes"

Dear 2nd Grade Families,

Happy New Year! It is hard to believe that we are almost half way through the school year. We are so impressed by the hard work our students continue to show every day. The third marking period will begin January 30th! Please make sure to pay attention to MCPS website for important information about delays and closings as we enter these winter months.

During the month of January, Sligo Creek will be participating in the Great Kindness Challenge. Each class will be creating a Kindness Chain with their kind acts written on each link. At the end of the month, the school will put all of the chains together and display them!

Friendly Reminders

- Your child should be reading **every** single night. If your child is in the French Immersion program please make sure they are reading in French! If your child is in the Academy Program, they should be completing their reading logs weekly.
- Continue to work with your child on basic addition AND subtraction math facts to 20.

Subject Overview

Math

- Money – coins and bills
- Measurement
  - Whole number lengths
  - Inches and feet, centimeters and meters
- Mental addition and subtraction within 20

Reading

- Nonfiction texts
  - Ask and answering questions
  - Finding the meaning of words using context clues and glossaries
  - Comparing text

Writing

- Publishing their folktale retells
- Opinion pieces
  - Introduce topic
  - State an opinion
  - Supply reasons to support opinion

Social Studies

- How technology affects daily life

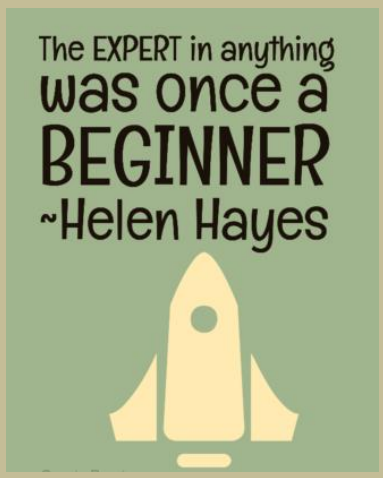
The Month Ahead

- 1/16– No School
- 1/20- No School
- 1/26 – 2nd Marking Period Ends
- 1/27 – No School

TASS SKILLS FOR MARKING PERIOD 3

The two TASS (thinking and academic success skills) for the third marking period are flexibility and intellectual risk taking.

1. Flexibility – being open and responsive to new and diverse ideas and strategies and moving freely among them.
    a. Problem solving in more than one way
    b. Changing your mind when given more information
    c. Understand a situation from different points of view
    d. Making connections between subjects
    e. Asking why
    f. Learning from mistakes
2. Intellectual Risk Taking – accepting uncertainty or challenging the norm to reach a goal.
    a. Asking questions when you do not understand
    b. Learning from mistakes
    c. Sharing ideas even when you are not certain
    d. Trying to answer questions and participating
    e. Challenging yourself



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