We are excited to see students making a wonderful transition from second grade to third grade. It is important that your child focuses, tries their best, and actively participates in class. We are asking children to “pin” us to prevent unnecessary distractions to keep them from learning.

Learning how to treat others with kindness and respect is an important part of growing up. The books your children have been listening to shows how an act of kindness, whether small or large, can make a real difference in someone’s life. Through writing students are exploring ways that their own acts of kindness impact others and how they might feel when others are kind in return.

After reading the books, students are making connections by thinking what the authors’ message may be.

Children have begun to look for evidence to answer a question after reading an article. They are looking for facts and details to support the facts. We have been boxing and underlining important information to help with the writing.

Please have your child read for 20 minutes per night.

During the month of September, students were introduced to apps they would be using and getting acclimated to different tech tools. They are doing a nice job with these. We have been reviewing 2nd grade skills such as addition, subtraction, ordering numbers, and odd/even numbers. Students learned how to round numbers to the nearest 10 we will be working on rounding to the nearest 100. Any extra practice with addition and subtraction math facts will help students become more accurate with solving multi-digit addition/subtraction problems. We will begin to work on determining what operation is required when solving word problems (number stories). The students must be able to pull out key information within the problem and think about what operation they need to use to solve the problem. CUBBing (circle, underline, and box) as well as double checking their work will help them with problem solving. We have begun working with multiplication. The first multiplication facts students will be focusing on is the facts of 0, 1, 2, 5, 9, and 10.

In Science students have begun to learn:

- A life cycle shows how living things grow and change over time.
- Plants start as seeds then most form flowers & fruit.
- Animals start from eggs or live birth then they grow up and mate.
- All life cycles start at birth, end with death and involve growth & reproduction.
Most traits are passed down from parents.
Different individuals have different traits.
Some traits are influenced by the environment.
How and why flowers are pollinated.

Important dates to remember:
Wednesday, October 28, 2020 Costume Fun
Children may wear their costumes during our afternoon classes.
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