



Smith Spectacular

October 25, 2017



Would you like to learn some new ways to help your child grow and learn? Teachers at Smith School have been learning about something called **The Growth Mindset**. We are planning to add information each month to the Smith Spectacular. We hope you get as excited as we are about this spectacular way to motivate students to learn!

The Growth Mindset

What is the difference between a fixed mindset and a growth mindset? A fixed mindset assumes that intelligence and other qualities, abilities, and talents are fixed traits that cannot be significantly developed. A growth mindset assumes that intelligence and other qualities, abilities, and talents can be developed with effort, learning, and dedication over time. Simply put, it is a belief that intelligence and ability are not fixed traits or that we are born with only so much of them. Rather, with effort and perseverance all students are capable of academic achievement.

Why is having a growth mindset valuable to learning? We learn by building one skill on top of another, persevering through mistakes, and growing our brain. Students will grow in ways they never thought possible!

	Growth Mindset	Fixed Mindset
Smart people get things more easily than other people.		x
If you make a mistake, people will think you're not smart.		x
When my teacher comments on my work, it's so I can do better in the future.	x	
My brain can't change much.		x
If I work hard, I can make my brain grow stronger.	x	
Anyone can learn anything if they work hard.	x	
I can learn from my mistakes.	x	
Which mindset uses the word <i>yet</i> ?	x	
Which mindset uses the word <i>can't</i> ?		x
Getting better is more important than getting a good grade.	x	

Library:

We are now reading the Chickadee Award nominated books in library. The Chickadee Award is a picture book award program for children in kindergarten through fourth grade. This award is given annually to one of ten picture books nominated by a committee of teachers, librarians, and early literary professionals, with the winner chosen by Maine school children. The purpose of this award is to encourage students to develop an appreciation for excellence in writing, illustration, and new concepts that will stay with them for the rest of their lives.

If you are interested in the books and reading them at home, please visit the chickadee website at www.chickadeeaward.org.

4th Grade Math

Mrs. Hay would like to remind families that all of her math students have stickers on the inside cover of their student planners, which have the usernames and passwords of www.ixl.com and www.pearsonrealize.com. On IXL students can practice targeted skills that they would like to work on. With Pearson Realize, Mrs. Hay is able to assign activities, games, and practice skills to a whole class, or an individual student based on their needs. Please utilize these sites to get extra practice and support at home.

At Student Showcase night, Mrs. Hay gave out a parent information packet on the new Envision Math program and the Pearson Bounce

App. It has some important information about math homework and support. If you did not get a copy of this, please email me at ahay@rsu22.us, or write a note in their student planner, and I will send a copy home with your student.



A SLICE OF PIE!
(Partners in Education).

THE ANNUAL SMITH SCHOOL COIN DRIVE HAS BEGUN! Dig up some coins for a great cause! Each classroom K-4 will have a coin jar. Students can bring in change for their classroom's jar between the dates of **Oct. 24th and Nov. 21st**. All proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to fund things like fieldtrips and classroom materials. Students will be weighing the coins at weekly school assemblies with the goal of reaching a school-wide total of 250 pounds of coins! We will be celebrating the students' efforts in this fundraiser with a "Fundraiser Fun Day" the morning of Dec. 8th. This will be an exciting morning of fun activities on the playground. Thank you for your participation in the Coin Drive and for supporting Smith School!

All digital Grandparents' Day photo orders have been emailed to families. Orders of 5x7 prints are in and PIE members will have them ready to send home in backpacks by the end of the week. Thank you for your order!

Angler's restaurant (Hampden location only) is hosting a benefit evening to support Smith School PIE! Please dine in or take out on Wednesday, November 1st, between the hours of 4-8 pm and a percentage of the profits will be donated directly to Smith School!

Next PIE meeting date: **Tuesday, Nov. 14th at 6:30** in the library.

Up coming events:

Coin Drive Oct. 24 - Nov. 21

Tues. Oct. 31 - 1st QTR Ends

Tues. Nov. 7 - Report Cards Go Home

Wednesday, November 8: Parent-Teacher Conferences. 2:30-7:00

Thursday, November 9: Early Release (This will be considered a non letter day) 11:30 dismissal. Parent-Teacher Conferences 12:00-4:00.

No School Friday, November 10

Weds. Nov. 15 - Picture Retake Day. If you are having pictures retaken, you will need to return your original package on this day.