

# Kelley Class News



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## Teacher-to-Parents

October 4, 2021

Dear Parents,

We got a lot of work done last week! The students have been using Habit 3 and are putting first things first. They worked on identifying the feelings characters had by using illustrations and the text. Some of the words for feelings were new for students, but we were able to find them. You can do this at home too! As you read a book with your child ask him/her, "How do you think \_\_\_ is feeling? What evidence do you have?" (Yes, they know what evidence is—though they may still have a hard time applying the concept). They can use illustrations they see or they can tell you about what the words say. Either of these is evidence. They also worked with word problems last week and they did a great job using the Part-Part-Whole model and the Start-Change-Result chart to organize their thinking. Ask your child about this. We have only worked with addition word problem so far, but they have done well.

We have finished learning about handwriting, but that doesn't mean that they are doing perfect handwriting. That is something that you and I will have to encourage and expect. You will find a handwriting chart attached. When your child writes at home make sure they are doing their best handwriting with the correct letter shape and the correct letter size. Let me know if you need paper to practice at home. I will be happy to send some home with your child.

Have a great week!

Mrs. Kelley, Mrs. King and Miss Golden

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### Specials

Oct. 4-8  
**Music**  
Oct. 12-15  
**P.E.**

### COVID Reminders

We strive to keep students distanced, but it is not always possible in classrooms and at lunch. For this reason, students will stay with their table group in all areas: classroom, specials, lunch table. This limits the number of people they can come in contact with at school. **Please be sure to let us know if your child is exposed to COVID. This is extremely important!**

## Week-At-A-Glance

### Literacy:

We will finish up the story "The Little Red Pen". They have really enjoyed this book. They will have to tell how a character is feeling on their own, then write about the habit of character that the character uses. Students are still learning about what it means to write. We will get there. We are starting to work on letter sounds and words in what we call a Skills Cycle. This is a 5 day cycle of work to learn a letter pattern and high frequency words. I will share more about this during conferences. We will be starting writing journals this week.

**Math:** We will take a break from word problems and learn how to use the Make A Ten strategy to solve addition equations. This is a great strategy but it may be new to you. Ask your child about it. They should be good at it by Friday.

**Positivity Project/Leadership: Other People Matter Mindset: Being Present**

You give your full attention when you are with other people.

**Habit 5:** Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood-I listen before I talk

# What's Happening

## Fall Conferences Sign-Up

I'm looking forward to talking with you about how your child is doing so far in first grade. Let's schedule a virtual parent teacher conference together so we can talk together. Once you sign up, I will send you a Google Meet link for our conference. Our conference will be 30 minutes long. I'm looking forward to talking with you. Here is a link: <https://bit.ly/Kelley2021> or you can use this QR code.



## Readers Are Leaders Night

We will have another leadership night as we focus on reading. We will share a little information about reader and will read stories to children. Get in your comfy PJs and enjoy a good book with your friends and teacher. Readers Are Leaders Night will be October, 7th at 6:00pm. We hope to see you there!



## Extra Snacks and a Towel

We have been going outside to eat snack during the week. It will be much nicer for your child if he/she has a towel to sit on and put their snack on. The towel can stay at school and we will send it home from time to time to wash it. Thank you to Alice's family for sending in extra snacks. We give these to students who forget their snack. Thank you if you can send some extra individually wrapped snacks.



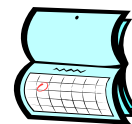
## Terrific Kids of the Month

Each month I will recognize Terrific Kids who showed either great positivity or great leadership. We will also recognize a Terrific L.E.A.D.er. At Green LEAD stands for:

- L:** Learn
- E:** Encourage
- A:** Achieve
- D:** Discover

## Mark Your Calendar

- Oct 6:** College T-Shirt Day
- Oct 7:** Readers Are Leaders Night, 6:00pm
- Oct 11:** No school, Teacher Workday
- Oct. 25:** Last day of Quarter 1
- Oct 27:** No school, Teacher Workday
- Nov 2:** No school, Teacher Workday
- Nov 3:** College T-Shirt Day
- Nov 11:** No school, Veteran's Day Holiday
- Nov. 24-26:** Thanksgiving Break



## September Terrific Kids

We are so proud of this month's Terrific kids!

Terrific Helper  
**Jeremiah M.**  
Terrific L.E.A.D.er  
**Ramey J.**

Great job all of you!

## Opening Confidential Email

We have to send emails with your child's name and important student information with "Confidential" in the subject line. This is to protect your child's information. Here's how to open the email.

1. Click on "Read the message".
2. Click on "Sign in with a One-time passcode"
3. A code will be sent via email.
4. Open the message from Microsoft Office 365...
5. Copy and paste the passcode, then click "continue"