

PARENT PAW PRINT

Dedicated to empowering students to never give up, encourage others, and do their best.

GROWING AND CARING AT AC!

FEBRUARY

Important Dates:

- ❖ 2/1 TK/Kinder Registration
- ❖ 2/7 Volleyball v SH @ BV Gym 4:45
- ❖ 2/8 Track Tryouts
- ❖ 2/11-2/15 Kindness Week
- ❖ 2/11 Kindness Krafts Day
- ❖ 2/12 AESD Board Meeting
- ❖ 2/13 Volleyball v BV A @ BV Gym 4:45
- ❖ 2/15 End of 2nd Trimester
- ❖ **2/18-2/22 President's Break**
NO SCHOOL
- ❖ 2/25-3/1 Read Across America Week
- ❖ 2/28 2nd gr field trip to Merced Theater



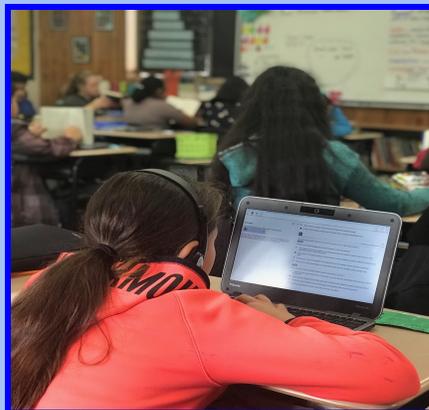
Read Across America Week February 18 - 22

Motivating children to read is an important factor in student achievement and creating lifelong successful readers. Research has shown that children who are motivated and spend more time reading do better in school. Join us in celebrating reading at Aileen Colburn during Read Across America Week. **Ask how you can be a guest reader in your child(ren)'s classroom!**

School Site Council & ELAC
[SSC/ELAC Meeting Schedule](#)

Encouraging a Growth Mindset

In January, our 3rd through 6th grade students took the interim benchmark assessments as a mid-year check-in on mastering grade level essential standards. This assessments gives students the opportunity to demonstrate their learning so far and provides data to teachers on where instruction needs to focus. As students receive feedback on strengths and weaknesses, your encouraging words of growing as a learner helps to shape their mindset that they may not know it "yet" but are on the right track!



Say This, Not That

Say This	Not That
"I can see you worked so hard on this!"	"You are so smart!"
"I like watching you do that."	"You're a natural at that!"
"It seems like it's time to try a new strategy."	"It's okay. Maybe you're just not cut out for this!"
"That's not right. You don't understand this yet. What strategies can you try to understand it better?"	"That's not right. Are you paying attention in class? It seems like you're not even trying."

February / March Character

Trait: **CARING**

During the months of February and March, students will be focusing on the pillar of Caring. There are two main ideas that apply to the pillar of caring.

- ★ **Concern for others:** Show compassion and empathy. Be kind, loving and considerate in your actions. Be grateful for the things people do for you. Forgive the shortcomings of others. Don't be mean or cruel to others. Be sensitive the feelings of others.
- ★ **Compassion:** Children can learn that people should be considerate and caring. Instead of ignoring hurt, confusion, anger and sadness they can learn that people should reach out to one another. Plato said, "Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a harder battle!" We can never tell what difficulties another person is facing, and your kind word or action might make all the difference.

Teach Your Child To Think Of Others

1. Identify feelings and encourage them to talk about their feelings and to think about how others might feel in different situations.
2. Ask them to think about things that make other people feel good and what might make them feel bad.
3. Try to help them understand how it would feel to be in another persons shoes.

Show Your Child The Joy Of Sharing

1. Talk about people that are less fortunate. Discuss the difference between wants and needs.
2. Give thanks. Help them understand and appreciate all the gifts and blessings that they have.
3. Show happiness for another's good fortune. Help them encourage and be happy for others without being jealous that they might not have had the same experience.