

**Mrs. Fitch's**  
**Second/Third Grade Thinkers**  
**3-15-26**



The weather since we have returned to school has been “typical” Vermont weather, unpredictable. Please help your child be prepared for the weather outside. If there is snow on the ground, they need to have snowpants or rainpants. As the snow melts, there will certainly be many days when there is more mud than grass. Students can leave a change of clothes in their locker in the hall. It is also important that they have a different pair of shoes to wear inside. We try to keep as much mud out of the classroom as possible.

### **Student Led Conferences**

Students are hard at work preparing to lead their spring conference. They are reflecting on their progress so far this year and setting goals for the remainder of the year. Your child will be sharing their work and their goals. [If you have not signed up for a conference, please do so.](#) The conferences are scheduled for 30 minutes each.

If you have concerns or questions for me that you would like to discuss without your child present, please let me know and we can schedule a time to talk.

### **Math**



3rd grade math: In third grade math, we have continued to work on understanding multiplication and division.

Second Grade Math: Second graders are working on addition and subtraction with multi-digit numbers.

### **Literacy**



Students have finished their narrative constellation stories and are using Book Creator to create their final drafts. They will be sharing their stories at conferences.

We have also been learning about idioms. Idioms are a type of figurative language where the words together mean something totally different than the words by themselves. This type of language can be challenging for very literal children. Some examples of idioms are “piece of cake”, “raining cats and dogs”, and “on thin ice”.

## **Technology**

During Technology class, we have been learning about programming the Edison Robot. Students are working in collaborative groups to create a song and dance for their robot. It is great to hear the class using music terms and phrases that they learned from Miss Kenna while working in a different context. We will be celebrating finishing the unit with a robot dance.



## **Reading to End Racism**

On Thursday, we were joined by Susan Koch, a guest reader for the Reading to End Racism program. Our class read and discussed Those Shoes. In this story, Jeremy desperately wants the trendy shoes that “everyone” has but his family can’t afford them. He learns an important lesson about wants vs needs and the power of being kind.



## **Buddies**

Due to winter wellness and a lot of classroom illnesses, we have not met with our buddies in quite some time. It was great to gather with them again. We enjoyed playing a variety of board and card games.



## Sign language

This week in sign language we reviewed the alphabet and practiced food words.



### Take Home Folders

This week's folder contained work from the week.



Monday - PE, ASL

Tuesday - Art

Wednesday - PE, Wellness, ASL

Thursday - PE, Library

Friday - Music

### Mark Your Calendar

March 20: Student Led Conferences - no school for students

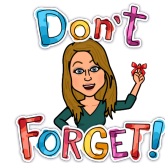
March 27: American Heart Association visits EMES

March 31: U-32 Band performance at EMES

April 7 - 17: VTCAP Testing at EMES

April 10: Contemporary Dance Studio visits EMES

April 20 - 24: April break - no school!



### Class Wish List

If you would like to contribute to our classroom, below is a list of things that we would appreciate.

- Extra snacks
- Tissues



### Contact Me

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. I am easiest to reach by email, [jfitch@u32.org](mailto:jfitch@u32.org) but you can also leave me a message by phone, 223-7936 x322. I am always willing to schedule a meeting or phone conversation. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

