



Message from Mrs. Dean December 2016

Happy December! It is just about time to wrap up our first half of the school year but we are squeezing in one last social skills group before we go!

In our Kindergarten and 1st grade classrooms we are following up our interrupting lesson with learning all about tattling and the difference between tattling and reporting. Together we read the story, A Bad Case of Tattle Tongue, and spent time sorting some tattling vs. reporting situations to help us become experts in knowing the difference. Please take some time to ask your students what the difference between tattling and reporting is as well as what might happen to their tongue if they tattle!

In 2nd and 3rd grade this month we are continuing to learn all about the 7 Habits of Happy Kids with our 3rd Habit: *Put First Things First*. In class today we learned all about what it means to prioritize things in our lives in order to be responsible as well as the importance of putting our work first. Of all of the habits, this is the trickiest one to keep! Together we practiced identifying different responsibilities and activities in our lives and deciding which ones are important, needing to be done first, and which ones are wants that can be done after we complete our work. Please take a minute to let them share what they believe needs to be done first as well as what they want to do for fun when they are done!

In 4th and 5th grade this month we are focusing on the importance of working well with others in order to be successful. In order to do so, we completed a team building exercise to practice cooperation as well as played a game to celebrate their hard work throughout this semester.

As always, working with your students has been a blast. Thank you again for all of your support and I wish everyone a happy holiday season ☺!!

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