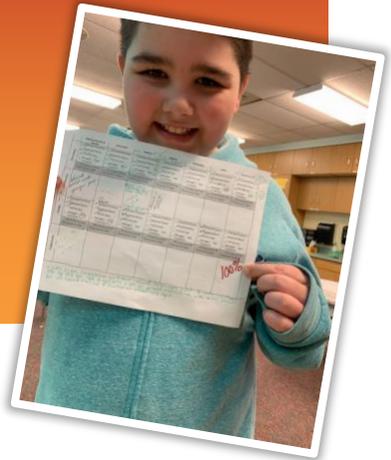


# Northside Newsletter

February 2019



## Northside News

The first month of 2019 came and went! We have much to look forward to in the month of February, including our NS “Great Kindness Challenge,” collecting canned goods for the Soup-er Bowl, and celebrating Read Across America with our One School, One Book initiative! Northside teachers and staff continue to work diligently to engage students in learning and model positive character and integrity. Please thank them for what they do!

Today we celebrated our January Monthly Reward! This was an opportunity to reward positive behavior in our school and recognize the efforts of faculty and students. Staff and students participated in a “Game Day” with various board games and technology.

Please let us know how we are doing. If you have any questions or concerns, don’t hesitate to contact me.

-Mr. Applequist



*All classrooms participated in the Great Kindness Challenge, which began January 28. Students were tasked with completing as many challenges as possible by February 1<sup>st</sup>.*

### Important February Dates:

February 1: One School: One Book Kickoff!

February 13: 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Luncheon

February 18: NO SCHOOL!

February 4: Kid’s Heart Challenge Begins!

February 15: First Snow Make-Up Day (In-Session)

February 19: PTO meeting: 6:30 @ Lingle Ave.

## Counselor's Corner

Mrs. Pascale, School Counselor



### Teaching Kindness at Home

Northside will be participating in the Great Kindness Challenge! Students will be encouraged to complete random acts of kindness throughout the building. Building kindness is an important lesson not just at school, but at home too! Here are some tips to encourage kindness in the home:

- **Model Kind Behavior**-children will model behavior from the adults in their lives.
- **Teach Empathy**-encourage children to put themselves in the shoes of others. Ask questions like, "How do you think that person felt", "How do you think you would feel in that situation."
- **Use Manners**-practice using manners at home and in the community. Encourage your child to speak politely and greet others appropriately using eye contact and a smile.
- **Acts of Kindness**-encourage your child to do small acts of kindness for others. For example, they could help shovel a neighbor's driveway or make a card.

### Teacher Highlight - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

Mrs. Brinser & Mrs. Walters, First Grade Teachers

The first-grade students have been working on answering text dependent questions. The students have to go back into the text or passage to find the correct answer. We encourage the students to find the evidence in the text before writing their response. This helps them to develop skills they will have to use throughout their education.

In January the students read an article about Martin Luther King Jr. and had to answer text dependent questions about his life. Our first graders will continue to practice this skill in February to learn about penguins.



### Literacy Connections

Mrs. Brier & Mrs. Walters, Reading Specialists

It's family book club time! This year we're reading *The Chocolate Touch*, by Patrick Skene Catling. We hope you'll enjoy this opportunity to unwind and get lost in the story of John Midas and his adventure as he learns an important life lesson about making good choices.



Why does Northside have a family book club? Because reading aloud is fun! Not only is it fun, but a large body of research suggests that reading aloud to children is the single most effective parent practice for enhancing language and literacy development. It gives adults and children something to talk about, which supports their development of reading and writing skills and grows their vocabulary. Reading aloud gives children background knowledge about the world they live in. It calls for them to use their imagination to explore the new places, people, and events they are exposed to. Reading aloud supports the development of thinking skills as children and adults discuss what they're reading. And the list of benefits goes on. . .

Your students are excited to get started reading and we hope you are, too! We look forward to seeing your photos of family reading time. Enjoy!

**\*\*Special Announcement\*\***

Our Board and administration are working towards a potential Northside renovation project for the summer of 2019 and summer of 2020. There will be more information available shortly. This is an exciting opportunity for Northside!