



# SVES



# Newsletter

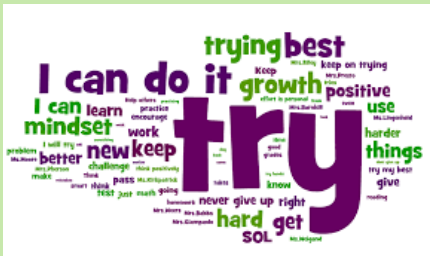
## March 2018



### A Community of HAWKS!

## GROWTH MINDSET

Along with teaching emotional literacy skills at SVES, we are teaching our students to have a growth mindset. Dr. Carol Dweck, a psychology professor at Stanford University, discovered that students who have a growth mindset believe that they can get smarter and they understand that effort makes them stronger. On the other hand students with a fixed mindset believe that their intelligence is fixed at birth and does not change. Brain research supports the former; when the brain struggles it grows and gets stronger. With a growth mindset students learn from challenges, setbacks, and mistakes. Check out the bulletin board in the gym and first floor hallway for ways to develop a growth mindset.



## WRITING

We are enhancing our school's writing program (Houghton Mifflin Journey's) with Lucy Calkin's writer's workshop. Students practice their higher order writing skills by writing about their own lives and personal experiences and making connections to the real-world.



## PUNCTUALITY

It is important to arrive at school on time everyday. Students miss vital learning opportunities when they arrive to school late. Although school begins at 8:00am, we encourage student to arrive by 7:45am so that they have time to unpack their belongings, complete morning tasks, and prepare for the day's learning.



## CALENDAR

March 2-Read Across America Day

March 2-Early Release @ 1:00pm

March 6 -SVES PTC Meeting

SVES Library @ 5pm

March 9-Barn Dance

SVES Gym @ 6:30pm

March 9-February Count ME In Assembly

March 22-SVES PTC Spaghetti Dinner

SVES Gym @ 6:00 pm and 6:45pm

March 23-Early Release @ 1:00pm

March 27-3rd Grade Art Show

March 30-March Count ME In Assembly

# MATH AT HOME

Our Everyday Math Curriculum helps students recognize and use math in the real world. There are many activities that parents can do at home to support math skills including:

## 1. Math at the Grocery Store

- Weighing produce
- Estimating the cost of grocery bill
- Creating and sticking to a budget

## 2. Math in the Kitchen

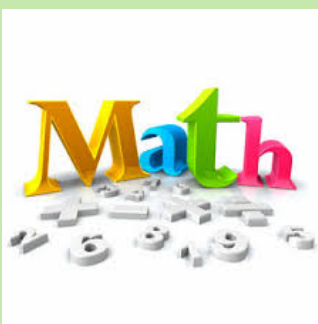
- Measuring ingredients
- Estimating and determining portions
- Setting the table/how many utensils, plates, and cups are needed?.

## 3. Math on the Road

- Calculating the cost of gas
- Calculating miles
- Adding and subtracting license plate numbers

## 4. Cleaning Up

- Estimation/How many piles of toys and clothes are on the bed?
- Setting a timer and challenging children to beat the timer



# KELSO'S CHOICES

Conflict or disagreement is normal and often happens when children get together. Hurtful words, gestures, or physical attack are unacceptable ways to deal with conflict and disagreement at school. Our goal at SVES is to teach students several positive ways to deal with difficult situations and conflict. We use the Kelso's Choices program to help students resolve minor problems by trying at least two of the following strategies:

1. Go to another game
2. Share and take turns
3. Make a deal or compromise
4. Apologize
5. Tell the person to stop the problem behavior
6. Respectfully talk it over and listen to each other
7. Walk away from the problem
8. Wait to cool off
9. Ignore the problem behavior

If students have a BIG problem, they need tell an adult they trust!



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will begin our annual Bikes for Books program sponsored by the Drummond #118 North Parsonsfield Masonic Lodge at the end of March.

3rd grade students will be taking the MEAs-eMPower state assessments at the end of March.

We will be hosting a 3rd grade Art

Show at the end of March .

2nd Trimester ends on March 16.  
Report Cards will be sent home on March 23.

"Talking to your child about Drugs"  
Parent Form on March 15 from 5:30-7:00pm at SVMS Cafeteria