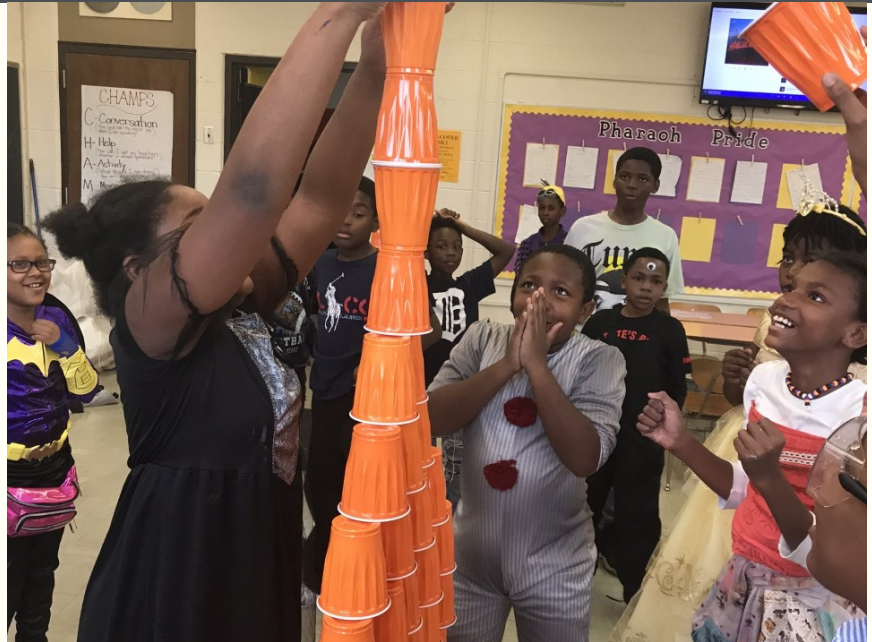


# THE FIFTH GRADE PHARAOH

Ms. Smith's Homeroom Newsletter

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## THE MONTH OF KINDNESS



November is finally here. At Catherine Blackwell Institute, we are recognizing a new character trait each month. November is the month of kindness. Teachers and staff members will be looking for students in each class that exhibit the trait of kindness. The students that are selected for showing kindness throughout the month will have their picture taken and posted on the school's Character Trait Wall.

Kindness is defined as the quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate. Affection, gentleness, warmth, concern, and care are words that are associated with kindness. While kindness has a connotation of meaning someone is naive or weak, that is not the case. Being kind often requires courage and strength. Kindness is an interpersonal skill.

There are different ways to practice kindness. One way to be kind is to open your eyes and be active when you see people in need. Do you notice when people could use a helping hand? A sense of community is created when people are kind to those who need help.

Opening your eyes means noticing when others are suffering. A kind word, a smile, opening a door, or helping carry a heavy load can all be acts of kindness. Celebrating someone you love, giving honest compliments, sending an email thanking someone, telling someone how s/he is special to you, helping an elderly neighbor with yard work or food, taking a photo of someone and sending it to the person, sharing homemade food, refusing to gossip, and donating old clothing and things you don't need are all ideas about how to practice kindness.

# HALLOWEEN SUMMARY



The students were able to enjoy several activities on Halloween. We participated in trunk and treat in the school, painted pumpkins, dove in the candy jar, had a cup stacking contest and listened to music.





## **Math Expectations**

The Eureka Math program requires for students to work hard and focus on the skills being taught. Since the beginning of school we have been working on place value and the placement of decimals. We will continue our study on decimals. The students will compare and round decimals. It is imperative that students are present each and every day so that they can be exposed to the math curriculum. Each day we will be starting a new lesson and I want to ensure each student has the opportunity to learn the new math skills. Please do not forget, the updated grades are on the PowerSchool Portal.

## **Upcoming Events**

November 5, 2019 - No School for Students

November 11, 2019 - Detroit Institute of Art

November 18, 2019 - Detroit Institute of Art

November 18, 2019 - Report Cards

November 19, 2019 - Field Trip to the Charles H. Wright Museum

November 27, 2019 - November 30, 2019 - No School-Thanksgiving Break

December 3, 2019 - Michigan Science Center

If your child has not turned in their permission slip, please have them turn it in by November 8, 2019.

**If you have any questions or concerns, please call Ms. Smith at (248)605-1459.**