

March Newsletter

Readers are Leaders! Reading and understanding what you read are skills that are vital to success in many different areas of life. The best way to improve understanding is to commit time to reading. There is nothing like a challenging book to lift the soul or start a journey to another world. Developing a love of reading will be an asset to your child in all areas of school and give them a jumpstart to a lifetime of reading! Throughout this school year students have been involved in many collaborative reading opportunities. Recently, some cadets from Benedictine College Preparatory come to SEES to read to our students. What a great way to showcase reading and leadership. The school will also be hosting two local authors who are coming to speak to the students in 3rd-8th grades about reading and writing. We are excited to learn from Steven Smith, who wrote the *Virginia Mysteries* and *Brother Wars*, and Chris Barcomb, who writes graphic novels about overcoming adversity. We look forward to continue engaging our leaders in reading.

During our Ash Wednesday prayer service, Deacon Hogan suggested that the students focus during Lent on giving up something that is a sacrifice. In particular, he mentioned screen time. The timing of this call is perfect as SEES will be hosting a workshop for parents regarding internet safety on March 26, 2019. Attached you will see a sneak peak of the information that will be discussed about internet safety.

Also, we are including a list of books that your child will enjoy that also reinforce the 7 Habits and positive character traits at home. Additional suggestions can be found at Leader in Me Online. Lower elementary students (through 3rd grade) - read the book together. For upper elementary (through 6th grade), your child can

read the book to you. Ask questions about how your child uses the habit. This is a great opportunity to share stories and experiences while reading!

Habits 1-7 The 7 Habits of Happy Kids by Sean Covey

Habit 1: Be Proactive

The Very Lonely Firefly by Eric Carle

The Carrot Seed by Ruth Krauss

Habit 2: Begin with the End in Mind

Click, Clack, Cows that Moo by Doreen Cronin

Pancakes, Pancakes by Eric Carle

Habit 3: Put First Things First

Froggy Gets Dressed by Jonathan London

Jamaica's Find by Juanita Havill

Habit 4: Think Win-Win

The Very Clumsy Click Beetle by Eric Carle

Let's Be Enemies by Janice May Udry

Habit 5: Seek First to Understand Then to Be Understood

The True Story of the Three Little Pigs by Jon Scieszka

Are You My Mother? by P.D. Eastman

Habit 6: Synergize

Ox-Cart Man by Donald Hall

Clifford's Spring Clean-Up by Norman Bridwell

Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw

Owl Moon by Jane Yolen

Henry Hikes to Fitchburg by D. B. Johnson