

## Writer's Workshop

We kicked off the week with our New Year's goal setting. Students answered these questions: What are your New Year's resolutions or what are your goals for the New Year?

We began discussing figurative language this week in relation to poetry. This week and next week we'll be looking at: metaphors, similes, hyperboles, idioms, alliteration, onomatopoeias, personification, and puns.

## Reading Workshop

 We began a realistic fiction genre study this week. Next week we will learn about summarizing fiction texts. We will continue to read and learn about realistic fiction as well.
## 3rd Grade Second

 Step Guidance Information Students are working with Ms. Becker on their "Empathy" unit. In this unit, your child is learning to identify and understand their own and others' feelings. They also learning how to take another's perspective and how to show compassion. There will be more activities that you can do with your child to practice these skills once students have completed the unit.

## PBIS Celebration Day

Dear Families:
Last month the students at GES participated in a school-wide kindness goal. Each classroom chose another class to surprise with random acts of kindness. The goals for the month were "I can use kind words, I can do kind things for others and doing kind things makes others feel good." It was amazing to see all the kind and thoughtful things kids were doing for others! We are so proud of our GES students!
On Friday, January 11th GES's PBIS will be celebrating our kind students with a cozy, cocoa day. On this day, students will hear a snowy story read aloud to them by Mr. Harris while they are sipping on hot cocoa. Students can also bring a stuffed animal to join them at the are sipping on hot cocoa. Students can also bring a stuffed animal to join them at the read aloud. (This is also a student council dress-up day. Wear mismatched clothing.)
We are excited celebrate all the hard work we did last month.

