



Happy March! This school year we are going to make it through the entire month (last year we left on March 13)! March's theme is Positive Attitude. Attitude is everything, the old saying goes. We can't control many aspects of our lives but we can control how we respond to life events. Children aren't necessarily equipped to respond appropriately when things don't go their way. Having a positive attitude is learned behavior encouraged here at VES and also at home.

The acrostic used for **ATTITUDE** is as follows:

**A** student shows a positive attitude when he/she-

**A**lways sees the good in situations

**T**ries to find solutions to problems

**T**akes time to appreciate the little things

**I**s happy with what he/she has

**T**akes responsibility for his/her actions

**U**nderstands the importance of listening to others

**D**oesn't complain often

**E**njoys school

I'll be visiting homerooms to talk about cultivating a positive attitude using some great books. Strictly No Elephants by Lisa Mantchev will be read in 2nd and 3rd grades.

First graders will begin lessons on Bully Prevention by learning about making and keeping friends.

My Many Colored Days by Dr. Seuss will be read in Kindergarten, complete with a felt rainbow.

Other exciting things going on at VES this month:

- Mr. Malear has planned an enormous surprise for March 1st which I am equally excited about!
- Conferences via Zoom are March 2nd and 4th. Teachers sent out the registration link last week. Please contact me or your child's teacher if you did not get that email.
- Reading Celebration activities also begin on March 1st and last throughout the month.
- What a great month to celebrate Daylight Savings Time AND St. Patrick's Day!