

HAPPY NEW YEAR!  
WE ARE EXCITED FOR THE NEW  
SEMESTER!

## UPCOMING

During the second half of the school year, we look forward to talking about new social emotional learning (SEL) lessons as well as doing new community service learning (CSL) projects. In TOP, we will be talking about identity, relationships, friendships, family, self-esteem, how to handle stress, and much more! To practice our SEL skills we will be doing CSL projects around celebrating all body types while talking about body image, designing candy grams to encourage MAP testing, and creating Black History Month projects. We can't wait to continue growing our 6th graders skills and learning new things with them!



## YOUTH VOICE

NOW THAT STUDENTS  
HAVE BEEN  
PARTICIPATING IN  
TOP FOR A SEMESTER,  
WE ASKED OUR  
YOUTH TO DESCRIBE  
OUR TOP  
FACILITATORS IN ONE  
WORD. CHECK OUT  
WHAT THEY HAVE TO  
SAY ABOUT US!

awesome helpful cool  
honest brave creative funny  
calm smart strong  
friendly positive  
**Cheezy**  
joyful respectful happy beautiful

funny open-minded  
honest friendly trustworthy adventurous  
**Egg**  
kind athletic caring brave  
cool polite bold helpful

joyful kind  
responsible calm  
positive chill  
wise helpful safe cool smart caring  
**Bagel**  
honest nice beautiful  
helpful beautiful strong fair calm wise  
creative friendly fun  
bold joyful courageous cute unique honest funny  
**Denim**





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## COMMUNITY SERVICE LEARNING

A pillar of TOP is the importance of putting our learning into action and one of the ways we do this is through community service learning, affectionately called "CSL".

TOP students will have a total of 20 community service hours by the end of the school year. Students have been busy putting their Social Emotional Skills to work. CSL projects that have been completed include making holiday bags for Friends of Kids with Cancer, suncatchers for Parkway Elementary students, and encouragement notes for St. Louis Diaper Bank recipients. Our school-based CSL projects included our civic action yard signs and canvases that represented topics students were passionate about. All of which are displayed around the school! We are so proud of all their hard work, initiative, and empathy students have shown through their projects.

