Monday, August 16, 2021 Beginning of the Year!

GOOD MORNING, STEAM FAMILY! Take a moment to breathe in, breathe out and settle in for a few minutes.

Are you being a SAFE, RESPECTFUL and RESPONSIBLE family member at STEAM @ Tope Elementary? These are our school-wide expectations, but our ultimate goal is that you carry these expectations for yourself everywhere! At the park, at home, on the phone with friends, while at gymnastics or football... Be an AWESOME person EVERYWHERE! Hey... speaking of phones- You MUST check your phone into your teacher for the day. Phones are not to stay in your backpack or to be accessed at any time throughout the day! THANK YOU!

Last week, you watched a silly video that showed several ways that you can greet your friends and teachers. You also were tasked with waving to others and CONTINUING TO SMILE even when you are wearing a mask! SMILING RELEASES THE GOOD ENDORPHINS (or brain chemicals) THAT WE ALL NEED EVERY DAY!

As you walk down your path of awesome, remember—you ALWAYS HAVE CONTROL OVER ONE THING—YOUR SMILE! It is the most important 5 letter word.

VOCABULARY--

SAFE, RESPECTFUL AND RESPONSIBLE

EXPECTATIONS and SOP

COMMUNITY

LEARNER

VIDEO-

https://safeshare.tv/x/CQ0F8qOCnkU# Importance of a Smile (1:53) More of an intermediate message, but great content. You be the judge!

https://safeshare.tv/x/8RZfZ3qpAMk# Babies Laughing (one and a half minutes of smiling babies, I mean... come on!)

ACTIVITY/IES-

- 1) Continue to review and reinforce EXPLICIT SOP routines for your classroom, hallway, bathroom etc.. (students should know a how to operating procedure for just about everything)
- 2) Work on smiling at each other, morning greetings, etc. Talk about the POWER of a smile.
- 3) create a list of fun ways to communicate a smile or a greeting when in a mask- (wink, fist bump, raise the roof, etc.)
- 4) Pause on the flow chart for older students and talk about what that means...