

## News and Events

- The Book Fair is this week. We will go on Tuesday, December 3.
- Progress Reports will be posted this Friday, December 6.
- Each Friday, we are checking Skyward for missing assignments. Your child is expected to email you and copy their homeroom teacher to explain what assignments are missing, and what their plan is to get them completed.
- November Mackinaw payments are past due; please send in your payment.
- Cookies and Cocoa sale this Friday, December 6 during lunch.
- [Photo Album](#)

## S.E.L. Lessons

In this week's lesson, your child will learn about factors that shape and influence self-concept, including less obvious factors, such as comparison with others, messages in media, and what they believe others think about them.

Question: Tell your child about something that shapes or influences the way you see yourself. Ask them what shapes or influences their self-concept and which influences help them feel good about who they are.

In next week's lesson, your child will describe how their self-concept has changed over time.

Question: Tell your child about the way you saw yourself in middle school and how it's different from the way you see yourself now. Ask them to describe how their self-concept has changed over time.

## Curriculum Notes

**ELA:** We will continue reading *A Christmas Carol*, and taking notes to answer the question "Which ghost has the most influence on Scrooge?" Students are collecting interesting vocabulary words and illustrating them as well.

**Social Studies:** Students will be learning about Ancient Civilizations, and expanding into major empires.

**Science:** We will finish up our Thermos unit, and then begin Investigation 7, Solutions. Students will learn the difference between dissolving and melting, and understand solubility.

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