

## **Golden Gate Kids** October Newsletter

## <u>11 Surprising Reasons You Should Smile Every Day</u>

"Great power lies in a random smile, so long as you choose to share it with the world." Alena Hall

This month students are going to begin learning about Pledge #1...

I will smile at others.

It can be hard to smile when you aren't feeling very happy. But when we *choose* to smile, you start to *feel* happier internally and externally. Here are 11 reasons you should smile every day, even if you don't feel like it!

- 1. Smiling can improve your mood.
- 2. Even fake smiles do the trick.
- 3. Smiling helps reduce stress.
- 4. Smiling makes you more approachable.
- 5. A smile makes you seem more trustworthy.
- 6. Smiling actually retrains your brain for the better.
- 7. Smiles are contagious.
- 8. Smiles may strengthen the body on a cellular level
- 9. Smiling boosts your productivity.
- 10. Smiling makes you more creative.
- 11. Smiles are FREE!

## PARENT/GUARDIAN CHALLENGE:

This month, we challenge each of you to participate in a 1 minute smile challenge with your family. While sitting around the dinner table, set a timer for 1 minute. During this time, everyone should smile at each other. Show off those pearly whites! After the minute is complete, talk about how it made everyone feel and what they noticed.

