

February 7, 2008

Dear Parents,

I appreciate your efforts in working with us to ensure success for your child. We appreciate your support with homework, checking your child's backpack each day to stay informed about your child's progress, and making an effort each day to get your child to school on time and ready to learn.

It is extremely important for your child to be in attendance and on time every day. This is crucial to your child's success in school, because quality instructional time cannot be consistently missed. Even a few minutes missed can hinder a child from receiving 100% of the instruction needed. Students are expected to learn many concepts, and this requires a focused effort to ensure the student is in attendance each day.

We understand that your child's illness or emergency situations are out of your control, but we really need for you to clearly assess whether the absence is absolutely necessary or not. Students will have to make up excessive absences, and we are required to report this to Judge Bowers.

We reward individuals with perfect attendance, and we are now encouraging classroom attendance with a prize for each grade level classroom with the best average daily attendance for the nine weeks period. Please help us to work together to improve in this area. Thank you for your continuous support.

Sincerely,

Karen Shumaker
Principal, Central Primary

