



Daily Attendance Matters!

August 26, 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian:

As we begin the school year, I want to welcome you as our partner in your child's education. We value, appreciate, and seek out your involvement and collaboration for the success of your child.

We are asking all parents and guardians to help us ensure the regular, **on-time attendance** of their children especially tardies. Staff supervision is available at 8:10 AM every morning. All students are expected to be in line behind their classroom number on or before 8:25 AM School begins at 8:30 AM. **8:31 AM arrivals are considered Tardy.**

We monitor attendance closely because research has shown that regular attendance is vital for the success of children in school.

California law states that absences are excused only if the child is ill or if there is an excuse that meets the requirements of Education Code section 48205. Even excused absences that cause your child to miss significant amounts of school can cause your child to fall behind in class.

Education Code section 48260 defines a truant as a pupil who has missed more than 30 minutes over three days without valid excuse in one school year.

Our district's policy is that we may require verification of absences due to illness or other reason if your child has missed an excessive number of school days. **Please be aware that going "out of town" when school is in session with your child is an Unexcused Absence.**

We look forward to working with you in a meaningful partnership for your child. We will work very hard with you to ensure that your child receives the best education possible. We are depending on you, and we want to thank you for entrusting us with your child. To provide your child with an outstanding education, your child must maintain excellent attendance.

Please make sure you are familiar with the school calendar to assist in your family scheduling. If you have any questions, please feel free to call our school office at (619) 282-7694.

Sincerely,

Debra Ganderton
Principal