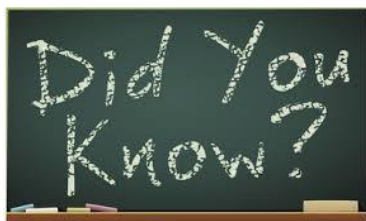




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April 2017



Second term report cards are out and hopefully you have reviewed your child's carefully. Report cards are an extremely valuable communication tool. Besides informing you about the overall strengths of a student, report cards communicate your child's preferred content areas. Be sure to look deeper for skill strength and weakness within the content. For example, a student who demonstrates overall strength in math may have particular strength in measurement and data but benefit from focused support in operations. Similarly the student who demonstrates overall strength in reading fluency may have weaker skills in comprehension. I encourage you to read the report card with a mission to reveal the detailed and unique profile, preferences, dislikes, and work habits of your child in mind. With that you will have great information to better support your student in general and of course during homework time.

Sadly, we are noticing a decrease in our students' use of Lexia. There is no question that Lexia use improves the reading performance of our students but only if used correctly and consistently. While all students use Lexia at some point during the course of their instruction, what we know is that students who also use Lexia consistently at home show greater gains in their reading competency. Parents/guardians are reminded that Lexia should be used at home for a minimum of 3 times per week for 20 minutes. All students can use this program independent of adult assistance. Please encourage or even insist that your child use Lexia for the recommended times at home and most especially during this month when students will take a week long break from formal instruction. Also, April break is a great time to visit our website for links to educational activities to keep you child engaged in learning.

In April, our School Site Council will be sending out a parent survey. This information is critical to helping us establish priorities and needs for next year. Please help us identify strengths and weaknesses and complete and return it promptly!



- 4/5-7 kindergarten registration for 2017-18**
- 4/7 early release-parent conferences
- 4/13 Site Council meeting at 2:30
PTO meeting at 6:30
- 4/14 early release-professional development
- 4/17-21 April Vacation

***Note: kindergarten registration is by appointment only. Registration times are noted on our school calendar which is posted on the website.*



To the PTO for being at the ready for any and all needs! This group of amazing volunteers, and courtesy of your generosity, never waits for a request and accurately anticipates our needs. The support to staff and enhancements they plan and provide to students and families make a tremendous difference. For that and more... **THANK YOU!**

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