

Fair Street International Academy Newsletter

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From Principal Brown:

As we are in the 2nd quarter of our school, we want to make sure your child is at school and ready to learn.

GCSS Common Expectations: *Be the ONE: Ready, Respectful, Responsible, Role Model*

Help Your Child Succeed in School: Build the Habit of Good Attendance. Early school success goes hand in hand with good attendance!

Did you know: Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college, and at work. What can you do: Make school attendance a priority • Talk about the importance of showing up to school every day, make that the expectation. • Help your child maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep. • Try not to schedule dental and medical appointments during the school day. • Don't let your child stay home unless truly sick.

Did you hear about ABCs: An important focus of our work this year is ensuring that our students are at school, exhibiting positive behavior, and learning. Therefore, we will be monitoring **attendance, behavior, and mastery of the content** (the ABCs) for all students in grades preK-12.

From: Tammy Miller, Assistant Principal

As the weather is changing and getting colder, please make sure students are wearing jackets and/or layering clothing. Even when it is cold, our students go outside for recess. If it is below 32 degrees at the time of your student's recess, students will stay inside otherwise, we go outside daily. Please label your child's jackets, hoodies, sweaters, etc. so we can find the owner of lost items.

From School Counselor:

The next Parenting Meeting will be Monday, December 3rd, at 9AM, and again at 3 PM. The topic will be "Understanding Beliefs and Feelings" in regard to your children and parenting. This is a video based informal table discussion, presented both in English and/or Spanish. Invite a neighbor or friend, even if your child doesn't attend Fair Street Elementary. We look forward to seeing you there!!

Dr. Hall

From Coach Garcia:

Soon, your child will complete the Reading Inventory (3rd- 5th grade), a classroom-based reading test. The Reading Inventory is designed to evaluate students' reading abilities, monitor student reading progress, set goals for reading growth, and match students to books at appropriate reading levels.

Parents can do a great deal to foster a love of reading in their children, even during school breaks. Here are some ideas:

- Model reading at home, and share with your child the kinds of things you are reading.
- Ask your children about what they're reading-not just the titles but critical questions about what they like or dislike.
- Remain positive and patient and above all try not to communicate a negative judgment to your children about reading.

December Calendar

PBIS Our next Spirit Day will be on December 11th. Be sure to wear your best ugly Christmas sweater. We will be having our Winter Ball on December 13th from 5:30-7:30pm. Lower school will be crowning a prince and princess and upper school will be crowning a queen and king. Students can cast their vote for \$0.25.

