

ATTENDANCE AWARENESS

THE BEGINNING OF SUCCESS IN SCHOOL

Student success begins with establishing good attendance. The reality is an absence is an absence, excused or not, because the student is not in the classroom benefiting from instruction on that day. Let us kick-start this year by building the habit of good attendance early and giving every student the opportunity to learn and be successful.

Did you know?

- Too many absences, including illness, can cause children to fall behind in school.
- **Missing just 2 days a month (10%)** can make it harder to learn to read
- Being late can lead to poor attendance
- Absences can affect the whole classroom, if the teacher must slow down learning to help children catch up.
- For everyday of school missed, it takes 3 days to make up what was taught.

By middle and high school, chronic absences is a lead warning sign of student drop out.

Good attendance helps children feel better about themselves and school. Start building this habit as early as preschool so that your child(ren) learn the importance of getting to school on time and to help with morning school routines. Good attendance will help children do well in school, college, and work.

What you can do?

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Choose school outfits and pack backpack the night before
- Do not let your child stay home, unless he/she is truly sick.
- Avoid making medical or dental appointments during school hours.
- Avoid extended trips when school is in session.
- Contact the schools' attend-

ance clerk for all absences and follow the school protocol. Communication is key!

For Students:

- School is your first and most important job
- Students who attend school regularly are more likely to graduate and find good jobs.
- School only gets harder when you stay home too much.
- Friendships are difficult to established when you are not at school.

For Parents:

- Ask your child about their school day
- Get involved in school activities, PTA, sports, or volunteer
- Establish an open communication with the teacher
- Check your child's work, homework, and grades.
- Attend parent-teacher conferences

Next Months' Issue: Let's Talk Diversity!

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



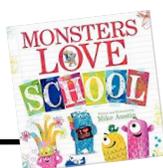
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"Why do I have to keep writin' in these K's when they don't make any noise anyway?"

Kindness Campaign

Attendance is important to your students' learning and starting the day off well is important for everyone.

It is also important to help those who have missed something in class. With permission from your teacher, take some time to help your fellow classmate who may have missed class. This gives you a chance to practice what you have been learning in the classroom.



Book Recommendation

The following books all deal with a similar issue: going to school.

The beginning of the school year is not always the most intimidating part of school. Sometimes it is making friends, sometimes it is catching up after being absent for a day or two.

