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Dear Parents and Guardians of Memorial Junior High Student,

After a relaxing holiday season, we're back into the swing of things here at Memorial Junior High! This January, we celebrated National Mentoring Month, a nation-wide campaign about the importance of mentoring for young people.

Mentoring is an important part of Summit Learning, which is the basis of how we teach your child. It builds deep relationships between teachers and students and is a powerful tool for creating a deep connection. The trust built through mentoring makes it easier for students to have honest conversations about their academic and personal goals, progress, and any struggles they are facing.

Did you know?

- Students who meet regularly with their mentors are 52% less likely than their peers to skip a day of school and 37% less likely to skip a class. [Data from Red Eye Youth Mentor Initiative]
- Summit Learning teachers commit to giving over 431,000 hours of mentoring this school year.
- There have been 457,000 mentor check-ins so far this school year for Summit Learning students across the country!

"My students are more engaged and up to date with their work, when they set goals for the week," says Ms. Rose

Mr. Smith reports, "Mentoring is a great way to touch base with your students to support their learning growth."

"Students can own their learning when they set goals for the week, and can tell you where they are and how well they are doing," says Ms. Bunnell

Together, mentors and families can help students successfully reach their goals every day. Try this [goal-setting activity](#) with your child to help them practice with you at home (en [español](#) también)! You can also check in on your child's goals for this week on the Summit Learning Platform.

If you'd like to learn more, you can read stories about mentoring, students, and teachers in the Summit Learning community on the [Summit Learning Facebook page](#).

Thank you for your continued support, Ginger Bunnell, Principal