

**SCHOOL PLEDGE**

Right now, today, this very moment, I am capable of giving myself, the gift of absolute self-assurance, self-belief, and powerful non-stop confidence in myself.



**“ TO THROUGH AND BEYOND COLLEGE ”**

**MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL DUNGEY**



Dear Parent/Guardian:

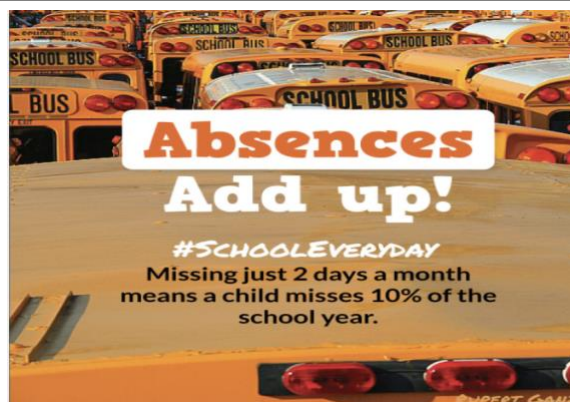
As part of the Success for All Reading Program, students are required to read 20 minutes per night and complete a daily Read and Respond. Each day, students’ homework focuses on building their skills using the hierarchy of reading including vocabulary, clarifying, and comprehension. In fact, the National Education Association’s research shows that students who read at home have increased achievement in reading and math scores. Here are four facts about why your child needs to read each night:

- ☐ Reading makes kids better at math. A British study found that students who frequently read for pleasure not only had better vocabulary and spelling—which is to be expected—but that those students were also more proficient at math. The theory is that reading exposes students to new ideas, which may make new math concepts easier to comprehend.
- ☐ Reading fiction helps children be more empathetic. The University of Buffalo found that students who read novels could put themselves into other people’s situations more easily, and had increased compassion.
- ☐ Reading can boost self-esteem and communication skills. Since students who read usually have an enhanced vocabulary, they can often find the words to express themselves and do not feel as frustrated and angry.
- ☐ Reading changes the structure of the brain. In a six-month daily reading program, scientists found that the amount of white matter in the area of the brain associated with language actually increased. Another study found that reading helps the brain exercise cognitive function. Please help us encourage your child to read each night and complete their Read and Respond daily! It is posted in the google classroom!

**69 Days to the MSTEP**

DAY	ANNOUNCEMENTS
Monday 2/6	Read and Respond and C3 Academic Approach Tutoring Begins for 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Tuesday 2/7 Tutoring 4:00-5:30 Manners Matter 6th	School Wide Cooperative Challenge – Stop and Stay Cool
Wednesday 2/8 <b>COUNT DAY</b> Building Black Men 6th	COUNT DAY!!!! WE NEED 100% OF STUDENTS IN ATTENDANCE!! FUNDING DEPENDS ON IT!!
Thursday 2/9 Tutoring 4:00-5:30	Students should be completing at least 45 minutes of exact path daily!!! <a href="https://auth.edmentum.com/elf/login">https://auth.edmentum.com/elf/login</a> Pretty Brown Girls Virtually 4:00-5:00 @Glazer.
Friday 2/10	Read and Respond & C3 Homework DUE !
UPCOMING	
2/14	Report Card Distribution
2/15	½ - 11:30 dismissal Teacher PD
2/16	Black History Program 1:30-3:00
2/20-2/24	Mid Winter Break

**Test Taking Tip of the Week**  
 Read all directions carefully!!!



## Attendance for week of 1/30 -2/3

Grade	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
%	74%	78%	84%	75%	77%	82%	73%	93%	86%

**Average Daily Attendance 79%** HOWEVER, OUR CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM RATE IS over 50%!!! THIS MEANS OVER HALF OF OUR STUDENTS HAVE MISSED 9 OR MORE DAYS THIS YEAR!! WHAT WILL WE DO TO TURN THIS AROUND???

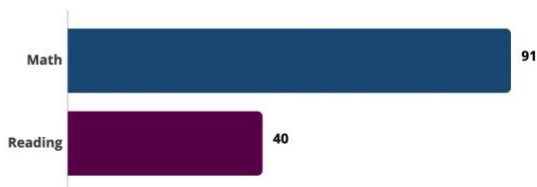
### Attendance Tips!

- Set a regular bed time and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Find out what day school starts and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Introduce your child to her teachers and classmates before school starts to help her transition.
- Don't let your child stay home unless she is truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors, or other parents for advice on how to make her feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.

## Exact Path Data

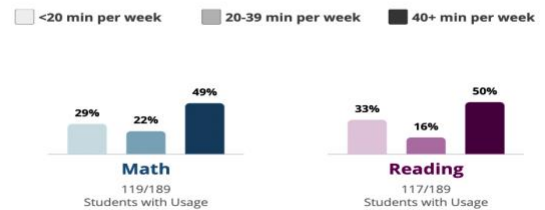
### How Many Skills Have Students Mastered?

Time Period: 1/30/2023 - 2/3/2023



### How Much Time Do Students Spend on Their Learning Paths?

Time Period: 1/30/2023 - 2/3/2023



We are up in Math and in Reading!!!! Let's keep this up!

## Black History Fact

**Did you know?**

**Ed Dwight was the first African American accepted into the Astronaut Program. He left the program due to discrimination before ever going into space.**

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Join us Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup> for our Virtual Reading Family Night! Learn more about our reading programs and the importance of reading and our school SFA program! Play some games and win some prizes! 4-5:30!!