

**We read
1,000 books
so far!**



ANDERSON ISLAND ELEMENTARY

EAGLE NEWS



Good afternoon, Eagle families.

I hope you are well and had a great week. We sure did. Our students celebrated their 1000th book read for the month in our Read-A-Thon. We got to celebrate with cupcakes. It was awesome. Our students have embraced this, and we are so proud of all the extra reading they have put in this month. Way to go, Eagles!

I want to remind you of the importance of attendance. We are doing a good job. However, we can improve. We appreciate the communication when absences occur; that is also important. We have attached a Graphic of the importance of regular attendance at school. What I saw that was the most worrisome is that "Only 17% of students considered chronically absent in kindergarten and 1st grade were reading proficiently in the 3rd grade. Compared to 64% of those students with good attendance." We have awesome, caring teachers and Paraeducators here at school. They want your students in attendance so they can help them on their educational journey. If there is anything we can do here at school to help with attendance, please do not hesitate to reach out.

On a final note, we will celebrate all of our student's reading success next Friday, March 1, with a pancake breakfast. We would love for you all to join us in the celebration if you can.

Thanks for another great week, Eagle Families. Get some rest this weekend, and keep on reading!

I look forward to seeing you next week.

- Mr. Miller



**FEBRUARY 1-29,
READ-A-THON
THIS IS THE LAST
WEEK!**

**FEBRUARY 27,
CRAFT CLUB**

**MARCH 1, READ
ACROSS AMERICA
BREAKFAST AND
ART SHOW 8:30.M.**

**MARCH 5
CRAFT CLUB**

**MARCH 8 NO
SCHOOL**

**Read Across America
Breakfast
& Mo Willems inspired
Art Show
Friday, March 1
8:30 am**

FREE community breakfast
Celebrate our
readers & artists
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Help Your Child Succeed in School: Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early

DID YOU KNOW?

- Starting in preschool and kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10%, or about 2 days each month over the course of a school year, can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just 1 or 2 days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences and tardiness can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

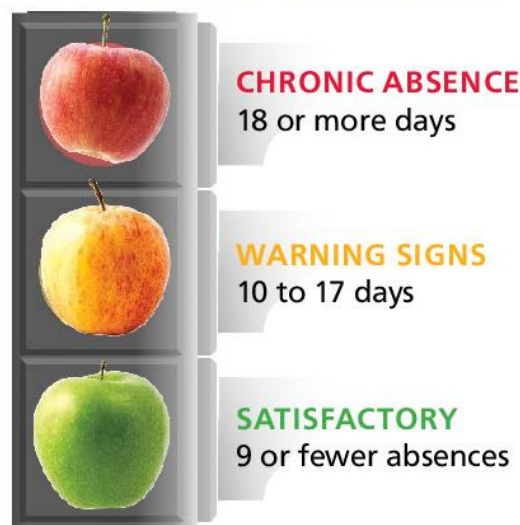
Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Eventually good attendance will be a skill that will help them succeed in high school and college.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Keep your child healthy and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Introduce your children to their teachers and classmates before school starts.
- Develop backup plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor or another parent.
- Try to schedule non-Covid-19 related medical appointments and extended trips when school isn't in session.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors and other parents for advice on how to make your child feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- If you are concerned that your child may have Covid-19, call your school for advice.
- If your child must stay home due to illness or quarantine, ask the teacher for resources and ideas to continue learning at home.

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When Do Absences Become a Problem?



Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.