Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! It is hard to believe that we are at the mid-point of this school year. We have worked hard to help our students make academic growth during the first semester and we will continue on this path for the second semester.

I want to thank each family for your commitment to helping your child grow as a learner. One of the biggest ways parents can help their child is to read together each night Pre-K to grade 5. This will look different at the various developmental stages:

Pre-K & K: Parents take the lead. Point to the title and read the tile. Point to the author’s name and the illustrator’s name and read the names. As you read point to each word so that your child sees that reading moves from left to right. Use voices for characters to make reading fun! Have your child read the words he/she knows. Talk about what is happening in a fiction story and talk about important facts from a non-fiction text.

Grades 1& 2: Students should be owning more of the text. Students should be reading to you. You provide help with strategies when a child comes across a word he/she does not know. Again, hold your child accountable for grade level sight words. Talk about the text. This is important. Many young children start reading by being able to sound out words. This is called word calling. However, reading involves understanding the text. Students must be able to explain what is happening. By mid to end of grade 2 students should be beginning to read chapter books.

Grades 3-5: Students should own the reading. Make sure your child is reading chapter books. Students need to read books across subjects and content areas. This is called reading across many genres. Students will be tested at the end of the year on their reading abilities.

The B.E.S.T. standards are a great resource to know what is taught at each grade level in the areas of reading, writing, and math. Parents can see the grade level standards by visiting the Department of Education website or going to cPalms.org. cPalms will list the standards by content area and grade level. Grade 4 & 5 parents should also view the science standards.

Thank you for your support and commitment to your child’s education,

Kindly,

Ms. Lippek

Strive to arrive by 7:35
Hello Schmidt Sailors,

Happy New Year, Sailors! January is a fantastic month to come to the library. We have so many great things happening.

January is the month of SLAM. We will be doing SLAM lunches for students who want to work on their projects in the library. We will have our Schmidt SLAM Showcase in the library during Celebrate Literacy Week. The showcase will feature art and video projects created by students.

Celebrate Literacy Week is January 23-27, 2023. We will have a spirit week that week and many fun literacy-related activities in the library, including our annual bookmark contest!

Happy Reading!

Mrs. Lugo erin.lugo@hcps.net

A Helping Hand From Our Social Worker

Free tutoring on Wednesday nights at Limona Village Chapel Church at 408 Limona Rd., Brandon, 33510, from 5:30-6 p.m. It's for K-5th grades, any subjects and kids can bring their homework if they want. Adult must stay at the church during the tutoring. There's a free community dinner for anyone from 6-7 p.m. No reservations needed for tutoring or dinner. Parents can call the church, 813-689-8385 or Pastor Bailey, 727-710-2493, with questions.

IMPORTANT INFO

Have you recently moved, changed your phone number/email? If so, please contact the office so we can update information on your student's emergency card. You may email us at:

Kathiejo.gavin@hcps.net or kayla.dupuis-kerrick@hcps.net

VISITOR PROCEDURES

Please note at this time there will be no visitor's allowed on campus due to COVID. This is for the safety of all students and staff. We appreciate your help with this, and apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

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