Hello Bobcat Families! We are off to a great start in 2021! We are so proud that our students are continuing to show great instructional learning gains! Students in grades 2-5 have completed the iReady Reading and Math midyear assessments. Our data shows that 75% of students made learning gains in the fall. Way to go Bobcats! First graders are currently testing and Kindergarten students will take their assessments in February.

We believe that ALL children can learn! Our goal is always 100% of students making learning gains! You can continue to support your child at home by providing nightly reading time, ensuring completion of homework, and allowing computer time for iReady (reading and math), Achieve 3000 (grades 3-5; looking for a 75% or higher first time pass rate), and MyOn when time allows.

The second quarter comes to an end on January 14. Report cards will be available for online viewing on February 8. Home connections will be a focus in the 3rd quarter. More information will be coming soon regarding students communicating their learning, home learning practice for all grades, and parent conference night (scheduled for March 4). We are definitely missing our “in-person” connections with our parents! We value each of you as learning partners!

We hope you will join us for Celebrating Literacy week (1/25-1/29, see information on back). All students (learning at school and from home) can participate in the fun!

Thank you for your continued support! Together we are facing the challenges of the 20-21 school year and working together for productive solutions! We are Bobcat Strong!

Mary Booth.
**ELL News:**

I hope 2021 is off to a great start for our Heritage students and families. The annual WIDA Access 2.0 language assessment for our ELL students will be starting in a couple of weeks. All students who are currently enrolled in the ELL program will take this assessment, including our elearners. The assessment will be given on campus, as directed by the FLDOE. All ELL families will be receiving more information soon about the assessment. Also, please be sure to keep reading at home daily. If you are not comfortable reading in English, read books in your home or native language. Reading and talking about books in any language will help to strengthen your child's vocabulary and oral language skills. Check out this article from Colorin Colorado about reading at home in your native language. [https://www.colorincolorado.org/faq/it-ok-read-books-my-child-my-native-language](https://www.colorincolorado.org/faq/it-ok-read-books-my-child-my-native-language)

Espero que el 2021 haya tenido un gran comienzo para nuestros estudiantes y familias de Heritage. La evaluación anual de idioma WIDA Access 2.0 para nuestros estudiantes ELL comenzará en un par de semanas. Todos los estudiantes que están actualmente inscritos en el programa ELL tomarán esta evaluación, incluidos nuestros estudiantes de primaria. La evaluación se realizará en el campus, según lo indique el FLDOE. Todas las familias de ELL recibirán pronto más información sobre la evaluación. Además, asegúrese de seguir leyendo en casa todos los días. Si no se siente cómodo leyendo en inglés, lea libros en su lengua materna o en casa. Leer y hablar sobre libros en cualquier idioma ayudará a fortalecer el vocabulario y las habilidades del lenguaje oral de su hijo. Consulte este artículo de Colorin Colorado sobre leer en casa en su idioma nativo. [https://www.colorincolorado.org/faq/it-ok-read-books-my-child-my-native-language](https://www.colorincolorado.org/faq/it-ok-read-books-my-child-my-native-language)

**MEDIA CENTER NEWS:**

Welcome back. I hope you enjoyed your time off with family. This month we celebrate literacy. “Celebrate Literacy Week” runs from January 25th - 29th. Your child will be invited to celebrate reading all week with the activities listed below.

Jan. 25th - Students receive a Genre Bingo Cards. Teachers and students will work together to determine the prizes they will receive when the cards are completed.

Jan. 26th - Wear animal print because we are “Wild About Reading.”

Jan. 27th - Bookmark Contest. Students can pick up a blank bookmark in the library today. The bookmarks must be returned by Friday. The top 3 most creative entries will be shown on the morning show.

Jan. 28th - T-Shirt Literacy Day (Wear a shirt you can read)

Jan. 29th - Pajama Day!! (Snuggle up with a delightful book.) Students will receive extra time in class today to read.

**At Heritage we...**

Help
Each student
Reach their Individual Talents
And Goals
Everyday

through high expectations, teamwork, respect, and the celebration of our diversity.