

The Principal's Page

With the month of March comes the end of winter. March also marks the beginning of the fourth marking period. This is a great opportunity to discuss student progress with teachers. I would also encourage regular conversations with your children about how they are performing and what they are learning.

How You Can Help At Home: Even as students are showing growth and mastery, many still must reach end-of-year reading and math goals. Please listen to your children read aloud. Encourage reading and ask questions about what was read. Have students write in journals and respond to questions about their reading and in math, students must master their addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division facts.

Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC): This year, Students in grades 3 through 5 students will take the PARCC tests. The PARCC test measures how well students are meeting academic expectations and learning the knowledge and skills they need to stay on track in school and after high school – in college or a career. The test measures complex skills like critical thinking, persuasive writing, and problem-solving. The PARCC test is just one of many ways that teachers and schools measure whether your child is on track for success. Teachers use the scores to improve teaching and learning, and to customize instruction to meet each student's needs. Parents receive one report for English language arts and one for mathematics.

K Orientation: Looking ahead, I want to remind you of Kindergarten Orientation. At orientation, parents and students will meet the school principal, kindergarten teachers, and other school staff members. There will be fun activities for children and an opportunity for parents to ask questions about the school's procedures and programs. Kindergarten orientation is primarily an opportunity for children to look forward to coming to school in September and to begin to build an important partnership between home and school.