

September 13, 2016

Hello Parents/Guardians:

Emerson Elementary School continually strives to strengthen our school improvement plan and improve student achievement. Our school improvement team has identified student attendance as a focus to boost student achievement. Several of our students receive extra services in mathematics and reading instruction and it is essential these students receive this instruction on a daily and consistent basis. Although Fraser provides our students access to learning 24/7 with iPads and online resources, the majority of instruction and learning opportunities happen during the scheduled school day along with support and assistance from professional staff.

In an effort to improve student attendance in 2016-2017, please review the following:

Generally, any absences greater than 7 in a trimester are considered excessive. This does **NOT** include students who miss several days of school in succession due to serious illnesses. This same rule also applies to coming to school late. Emerson will be monitoring student attendance each trimester and will be sending letters to families with students who are exceeding 7 absences or tardies in each trimester.

Unfortunately, if poor student attendance patterns continue after school letters have been sent, student's names must be submitted to the County Attendance Officer.

I am sure you would agree that regular daily sequential instruction is critical to your child's educational success. Parents and school must work together to improve student attendance, and, in turn, student academic achievement.

Your support and assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, please call my office at 586-439-6700.

Sincerely,

Sam Argiri
Principal