



# Fort Report

Mrs. Pearson, Principal

June, 2019



In June reality hits us all...the final days of the school year are upon us! Energy and excitability are fueled by activities and programs. Please be sure to check our June school calendar for specifics relevant to your child's grade.

Year end assessments are just about complete and analyzing the data is as important as ever. Student achievement over the term and the year provides great insight into the effectiveness of new programs and revised teaching practices. As importantly it goes a long way in helping us place students strategically so that common areas of strengths and weakness can be optimally targeted in classrooms. Assessment data also has personal utility for our teachers as it most often guides the professional practice and student learning goals our teachers set for themselves in the fall.

Fort Reports often focus on what our "next steps" are in terms of your child's learning. But in June, it is right to shift the focus for learning back to your child's very first teacher...you. The leisurely pace of summer often finds families forgetting to reinforce the skills students have worked so hard to acquire during the school year. In order to avoid regression

and sustain learning, parents/guardians need to assume a role that helps student maintain an academic conscience. It's simple to do!

Among the most important of all activities is reading. Letter identification, sound letter association, vocabulary development, sequencing, identifying main characters, comparing and contrasting, distinguishing main idea from detail, comprehension and answering open ended questions are all areas worth revisiting. Books on tape are an interesting supplement to reading. They encourage students to rely on listening skills in the absence of pictorial cues.

Writing is another important skill to reinforce. All students should be encouraged to write for a purpose using the mechanics of writing (punctuation, spacing, upper/lower case letters). The use of robust vocabulary, attention to spelling and grammar and topic development are expected of our first and second grade students. Writing grocery lists, reminder notes and sending notes to friends are easy writing tasks that can be incorporated into daily routines. Be sure to visit our school homepage and check out the links under School Announcements for required summer reading and a fun July and August calendar of computer sites to keep your student sharp over the summer months!

On a personal note thank you for the trust you place in me and our staff and for sharing your child with us this year! Best wishes for a happy and safe summer!

Your Partner in Education...

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## Shout OUTS!

**Congratulations** to our random SMART student winners for May...

K students-Angela D., Amina I., Teresa S., Zackary E., Ibtissam B., Michael F., Nora C., Ashley T., Dahna P., Mari V., Ryan M., Marina G., Sebastian C., Landon G., Samantha D., Jaslyn C., Allison F., Matthew S., Autumn B., Rania M., Vinicius V., Yadiel C., Anthony W., Dante P., Michael T., Ethan S., Allyson r., Mariella Z., Fiona M., Malak B., Mia R., Dominic R., Yeshua Q., Jojo S., Jake G.

1st grade- Arianna D., Javon P., RJ B., Davis P., Yasmine S., Miabella P., Victoria D., Jacob P., Victoria M., Gianna B., Ava P., Celine L., Nicholas C., Eli T., Cecelia D., Haley J., Cullen M., Ava M., Leo M., Robbie D., Maxx F., Zackary S., Desiree S., Yousra M., Giuliana G., Alena C., Jannat E., Victoria D., David B., Alex C., Veronica H., Emanuelle N., Johnathan G., Evelyn M., Zara R.

2<sup>nd</sup> grade- Ella G., Era M., Zac G., Madison T., William B., Alyssa B., Norah Z., Joey S., Molly T., Daniel M., Sufyan E., Giana R., Anas D., Emily A., Ashley R., Angel V., Emily H., Jazlyn C., Devin G., Mia A., Violet B., Aaliyah H., Faris A., Michael B., Emma P., Nicolas L., Davi R., Mason M., Fernanda L., Gianna S., Julia S., Isabelle O., Ruby V.

### **Year-end reminders...**

**Missing items** Please be sure to check our lost and found by June 19<sup>th</sup>. All items will be donated on June 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Classroom placements** will be mailed the week of August 12<sup>th</sup>. No information will be available prior to that date.



- June 3:** 2<sup>nd</sup> grade field day (rain date-June 4)
- June 10:** PTO meeting/6:30 in school cafeteria
- June 14:** PTO sponsored ice-cream social
- June 19:** early release/last day for students  
report cards issue

### **A peak into next year...**

**Student hours:** Please note **new** arrival/dismissal times:  
grades 1 and 2/ 7:40 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  
kindergarten/8:05 a.m.-2:25 p.m.  
preschool/depending on program-please see district website for calendar/times

**First day for:**  
Grades 1 and 2 is September 3<sup>rd</sup>  
PK and K schedules vary-see summer mailing

**Supplies and welcome letters** vary by teacher so please do not automatically expect a mailing prior to school beginning.

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