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Happy New Year! Please make sure your child is completing their homework and reading as we get ready for AIMS and state testing in April.

HIGH SCHOOL AIMS TESTING

In the state of Arizona students in high school must pass the AIMS assessments in reading, writing and math to graduate. Students begin taking these assessments in 10th grade. All 10th grade students will take AIMS Writing on Monday, February 24 and AIMS Reading on Tuesday, February 25. Make sure your child is to school on time for these tests.

TUTORING

This is available each Tuesday and Thursday after school from 3:30 - 4:30 PM for students in grades 1-high school. Parents need to pick up students at the front of the school.

READING HAS REWARDS

Students need to turn in their reading journals for grades K-8 as part of their homework. Please help raise reading test scores by reading with your child nightly. Journals are available in the office. The cost is \$3.00. We will be using these journals for students to qualify for Pizza Hut rewards and Bookman's gift certificates. Great job on students who are reading!

BUS BEHAVIOR

The bus is a continuation of the school day. Remind your child that it is a privilege to ride the bus. Students must stay seated and talk quietly. They may do their homework on the bus.

SCHOOL TRIPS

Students need to be sure to continue to meet the requirements for school trips.

1. Homework turned in at 90% including their reading journal.
2. Not miss more than 3 days until January 28 if they started the first day of school. No absences for anyone who started after the first day.
3. No school suspensions.
4. Attend all school state testing in the spring.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP

Parents are doing a great job of having students exit and enter the cars quickly. Make sure you drive up to the curb or continue to park in the field for pick up and drop off. Please do not leave your car unattended if you are in the red zone. Parents of kindergarten students must park in the field if they are leaving their car unattended.

ATTENDANCE

As a reminder students ages 6 - 16 must be in school unless excused by a parent. Please call in by 8:30 AM daily if your child is absent. The school participates in the CUTS program. Parents and students may be cited if your child is not attending school. If a child misses a total of 18 school days either unexcused or excused parents and students may be cited for attendance on the 19th day of absences. Notification will be sent to parents.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Students must check in their cell phones daily in the office. CD players, /iPods, /DS players and other electronic items are not allowed on the bus or at school.

CHECKING IN FRONT OFFICE

If your child comes to school after 8:00 AM he/she must be checked in the office by an adult. Please do not send your child directly to the classroom. All visitors/parents must check in the office before going to a classroom.

IMPORTANT DATES

Tutoring Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:30 - 4:30 PM

January 15	Open conferences 1:15 - 4:00 PM Grades K- High School
January 17	Winter Activities Grades K-4/ Dance 5-12 \$5.00 per student
January 20	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day/no school
January 28	100th Day /2nd grading period/ semester ends
February 5	Report cards home Grades K-8
February 7	High school transcripts home
February 19	Conferences scheduled for students not passing