

Franklin Elementary School

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Dear Franklin Families,

This is the time of year when winter can take a toll on school attendance. Illnesses such as colds, fevers and earaches often come with the winter months.

These absences, even if they are excused, can add up to academic trouble. If it is a snowy or rainy day but school is still open please send your child to school unless they are ill. When they are not in class they miss instruction critical to their academic growth. These absences can result in lower test scores and grades. We don't want your child to fall behind in school and get discouraged. Please ensure that your child attends school every day and arrives on time.

Here are a few practical tips to help support regular attendance:

- Make sure your children keep a regular bedtime and establish a morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Ensure your children go to school every day unless they are truly sick.
- As much as possible avoid scheduling vacations or doctor's appointments when school is in session.
- Develop back up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, neighbor, or another parent to take your child to school.

Our school will be introducing an incentive plan to encourage students to come to school every day. We want your children and all our students to have a successful school year and soar to new heights!

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