

## Attendance Rocks at Neabsco Help Your Child Succeed in School

Dear Families,

Here at Neabsco, we believe in the success of each child. The foundation of that success is your child's attendance. When your child attends school regularly, it improves their outlook about school and themselves. When students build this habit starting in pre-school they will learn early how important school is. Good attendance in elementary school will help our students be successful in middle school, high school, college and at work.

In October 2007, Mariajose Romero and Young – Sun Lee published an article called “A National Portrait of Chronic Absenteeism in the Early Grades.” The article states that:

“Early absenteeism negatively impacted on academic achievement in reading, math, and general knowledge in the early school years. Greater absenteeism in kindergarten was associated with lower achievement in reading, math, and general knowledge at the end of first grade. On average, children missing 10% or more of the school year scored five points less than did those who were absent up to 3% of the school year in kindergarten.”

Neabsco is dedicated to partnering with our families to increase our overall attendance and decrease the number of students who are chronically absent. Students are considered to be chronically absent, when they miss 10% (18 days) of school or more. Below is a list of incentives we are putting in place here at school to encourage your child to be present every day.

- Daily Announcement for all homeroom classes with 100% attendance.
- Bulletin Board in Library to highlight each class and their attendance.
- Weekly Award given to the class in K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade and the class in 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade with the highest attendance for that week.
- Classes with the highest attendance for the week, will have an award posted outside of their room for the whole week, have their picture taken with their award, and their picture posted on Neabsco's Facebook and Twitter.
- Certificates will be given for each class to keep for the whole year they can post outside of their door.
- The homeroom in each grade level, with the most days of perfect attendance at the end of the year, will earn a party with Mr. Tsang, Ms. DePollo, and Mrs. LeVecchi.

Please join us to make “Attendance Rock” at Neabsco!

