



Cheetah Chatter

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Principal's Message:

Although the first trimester is near, it's never too late to make adjustments that will help your child be successful at school, especially in the area of homework. Homework improves grades, teaches study skills, and increases learning. That's why it's important for students to complete their homework and turn it in on time. Here are a few ideas to help your child and you complete this important educational activity.

- ~ Remind your child that it's his job to write down assignments on his calendar or Agenda booklet in grades 4 & 5. He is to bring home the assignment along with all handouts and necessary books the day the assignment is given
- ~ Have and keep a routine. Encourage your child to begin homework at the same time each day so that learning becomes a habit. There are several options such as immediately after school, after your child has had a snack and chance to relax or after dinner. Just do not leave homework until bedtime.
- ~ Provide a study area. Let your child help you determine where they will study every day. The work area should have homework supplies (sharpened pencils, pens, paper, dictionary, etc.) and adequate lighting.
- ~ Increase concentration. Children are able to study in different surroundings. Some may need a calm surrounding without noise to focus on their homework. Others may do better with soft background music but television is usually too much of a distraction for anyone to ignore.
- ~ Make a plan. With your child, glance over her homework and help her make a study plan. You might suggest that she do the longest or hardest assignments first while she is alert and fresh. Your child should be able to complete the homework without your supervision but let her know that you are available to help if needed.

The important key is for you to stay involved and monitor that your child is doing her homework without doing it for her/him. (adapted from "Whose Homework is this, anyway?" Home & School Connection.)

Important Dates in November

- 9 Picture Retakes
- 12 Veteran's Day, No School
- 14 Cookie Dough Orders Due (Delivery 12/6)
- 16 End of Trimester (**Minimum Day**)
- 20 **REPORT CARDS** sent home w/students
- 21-23 Thanksgiving Vacation, No school
- 26 **Staff Development Day, NO School**
- 27 **Parent Mtg. on Report Card for Spanish-speaking parents 6:00 p.m. at Castro School**
- 28 **Parent Mtg. on Report Card in English 6:00 p.m. at Landels School**

"On November 11, **Veterans Day**, let us as free people pause to reflect on the sacrifices of all of those who have put on the uniform to serve in the United States military. Let us honor the men and women who proved their heroism and love of country"—



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Theuerkauf School is proud to be a school of many military families. We are committed to providing a safe and nurturing environment for your children while you are away protecting us from harm's way.

One Other Reason an Education is Important!

U.S. Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao said workers with a bachelor's degree or higher average almost twice what workers with just a high school diploma earn weekly. Workers with a bachelor's degree or higher average \$1,393 per week while workers with a high school diploma average \$704. That's \$689 more per week and \$2,756 more per month with a college education!! So, students, is doing your homework, earning high grades and possibly receiving a scholarship to go to college important to YOU? What's a scholarship? It's a reward you can earn for getting high grades and/or for being an exemplary student. It pays for college. If you work hard, you may earn one or both of these and they can pay for your college classes, books, room and board just like

Mrs. Sawdey. All you have to do is learn as much as possible.