

January 6, 2010

Welcome back from Winter Break!

Our second quarter ends on January 8<sup>th</sup> with the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter beginning on January 11<sup>th</sup>. Please note the following dates:

- January
- 5 Lottery Process begins for 2010-11 school year
  - 7 Free Dress for kindergarten - \$1.00  
Kindergarten students who returned the Parent Survey – no cost for free dress!
  - 8 Minimum Day for students grades 1 - 9  
Free Dress - \$1.00  
Students who returned the Parent Survey – no cost for free dress!  
No school for kindergarten
  - 11 OPA Recognition Assembly, 8:40 a.m.
  - 13 MOPA Recognition Assembly, 8:20 a.m.  
Report cards given to students last period
  - 14 Parent Teacher Conferences, 1:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
No school for kindergarten
  - 15 Parent Teacher Conferences, 8:00 a.m. – noon  
No school for students
  - 18 Martin Luther King Day – No school
  - 26 Third Grade rides UTA to Gateway
  - 27 100 Days of School!

Thank you to all parents/guardians who monitor their student's progress using Power School. If you do not have access to this site, call the school and we can look up and print out your child's grades to date. Hold your student accountable by accessing this data.

If your student is not earning passing grades, require your student meet with that teacher. We are all here for the kids until 4:00 p.m. or later. We want to help our students to be academically successful. We know you want the same. Let's work together in making this happen.

OPA students need to continue reading at least 20 minutes a night. Listen to your student read to make sure words are being pronounced correctly. Ask comprehension questions to check for understanding. Continue to read to your child.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to meet with me or Mr. Mitchell.

- Kathy Thornburg-

