

### JANUARY DATES TO REMEMBER

- 1/1 ~ No School
- 1/2 ~ Return to school from Holiday break
- 1/3 ~ Early Dismissal @ 2:15
- 1/10 ~ Early Dismissal @ 2:15
- 1/15 ~ No School for Students
- 1/16 ~ No School for Students
- 1/17 ~ Full day of school - Dismissal @ 3:25
- 1/22 ~ StuCo Meeting @ 3:30
- 1/22 ~ PTO Meeting in Media Center, 3:45 - 4:45
- 1/24 ~ Early Dismissal @ 2:15
- 1/26 ~ Emerson Family Night, 5:30 - 7:00
- 1/31 ~ Early Dismissal @ 2:15



### ATTENDANCE GOAL

Daily attendance is critical for student learning. When families have a positive morning routine, children come to school on time, ready to develop relationships, able to learn new concepts, and apply their knowledge. If students do not come to school early to eat breakfast, they should arrive to school between 7:45 - 7:55. The morning bell rings at 7:55 to allow the students five minutes to enter the building and transition into their classrooms before attendance is taken at 8:00. School hours are from 8:00 - 3:25 and 8:00 - 2:15 on early release Wednesdays. Each classroom is working on our PERFECT PUNCTUALITY goal. Every day that a classroom has every student attend and arrive on time, the class gets one step closer to their goal of achieving their perfect punctuality goal. Once the goal has been met, the teacher will celebrate with their class and they will begin their goal again. Students have the opportunity to reach this goal every 18 days of school.

### FAMILY NIGHT

Please join us for our Emerson Family Night on Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Students (and their families) are encouraged to share their talents and be part of the program. We are looking for participants from all grade levels. So if you like to sing, dance, play an instrument, do gymnastics, read poetry or any other special talent, join in and get involved. Students (and family members) interested in being part of the program should contact Mrs. Crane. This event is hosted by our Emerson Student Council.



### SAFETY REMINDERS

Please do not leave cars unattended in the fire lane. Crosswalks should always be used, please do not walk though the driving lane and between cars. Although after school pick-up typically only takes 10 - 15 minutes, we would greatly appreciate it if cars would pull forward as allowed rather than staying in one spot along the fire lane. We also encourage parents to enter the south parking lot through the driving lane rather than sitting in the street blocking traffic and cars that are trying to pull out from the curb.



## **WEATHER REMINDERS**

Please consider Nebraska winter weather when sending students to school. Our classrooms vary in temperature so layers are best. Students go out for recess when the outside temperature is ten degrees or warmer. Winter coats, hats and gloves will help our students stay warm and be safe. Students must have snow boots if they want to play in the snow. These snow boots cannot be worn in the classroom so a change of shoes is required.

## **WEEKLY CELEBRATIONS**

Emerson students are expected to be safe, respectful, and responsible at all times. This year we are focusing our weekly celebration on a variety of skills that support these expectations. Our weekly skills are: Greeting others, using appropriate tone of voice, following directions, getting the teacher's attention, asking permission, I can make good choices even if I'm upset, asking for help, staying on task, listening, accepting compliments, accepting criticism or consequences, I can be okay even when others are not okay, accepting NO for an answer, disagreeing appropriately, working with others, sharing something, having a conversation, I can do something even if I don't want to, accountability - being responsible for our behaviors and making an apology, and grace - accepting others and giving others what they need not what they deserve.

Each week, students will learn about one skill and have opportunities to practice the skills. One student from each classroom is recognized for authentically demonstrating the skill. These students are announced during our weekly celebrations and receive a certificate to take home.

*Week 10: Accepting Compliments ~ Addisy Arends, Averil Baker, Yesmi Zayas, Eduardo Martinez, Axten Viessman-Kurtenbach, Rilynn Havenridge, Jessica Staverman, Aaliyah Maldonado, Allyson Vazquez-Mendez, Marco Carbajal-Marquez, Deyaneyra Roman-Garcia*

*Week 11: Accepting Criticism or Consequences ~ Olyver Ramirez-Rodiguez, Ayden Hinze, Lesly Vazquez, Marcelo Naranjo, Lixander Villarreal, William Pimentel, Esau Maeda, Daniel Robledo-Ayala, Jerzie Haferland, Karla Martinez-Arroya, Izzy Munford, Hadrian Janssen*

*Week 12: I Can Be OK Even When Others Are Not OK ~ Adele Ramaekers, Paola Martinez-Arroyo, Bentley Wholf, Chase Lesiak, Andrea Carbajal-Marquez, Jordan Divis, Allison Portillo, Vincent Crane, Isabella Madrid, Arianna Risch, Damon Jensen, Laynee Bruce-Bruton*

*Week 13: Accepting No For An Answer ~ Jameson Vollbracht, Chance Martinez, Christian Morales, Brandon Flores-Franco, Lixander Villarreal, Ann Kelly, Hendryx Warnick, Jaron Zysset, Bryan Gonzalez-Garcia, Jorleen Garay-Quintanilla, Karina Gomez-Rojas, Federico Oropeza-Mena*

## **DIBELS TESTING**

The teachers at our school are committed to helping your child become a successful reader. As part of this commitment, our school has chosen to use a test called DIBELS Next to help us examine how your child is doing in learning important reading skills.

DIBELS stands for *Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills*. DIBELS tests five skills that are necessary for learning to read. Children who learn these skills become good readers. The skills are: Phonemic Awareness- hearing and using sounds in spoken words; Alphabetic Principle- knowing the sounds of the letters and sounding out written words; Accurate and Fluent Reading -reading stories and other materials easily and quickly with few mistakes; Vocabulary- understanding and using a variety of words; Comprehension-understanding what is spoken or read.

DIBELS is made up of seven short individual tests, called subtests. Each DIBELS subtest focuses on a different skill and takes about 1 minute to do. All CPS elementary students take this assessment in the fall, winter and spring. Your child may be given two to five of the DIBELS subtests depending on his or her grade level.

Each DIBELS subtest takes only about one minute to do because they are used as *indicators*. Much like using a thermometer to take a child's temperature is an indicator of overall health, each subtest is an indicator of how well a child is doing in learning a particular early reading skill. DIBELS Next is used with millions of children throughout the United States. A child's score on a subtest tells us whether the child is likely to be "on track" for learning to read, or whether that child may need some help in learning important reading skills. Your child's teacher will use the information to better help your child. For example, the DIBELS Next test may tell us that we need to spend more time teaching your child how to "sound out" unknown words.

DIBELS Next is used to identify children who may need extra help to become good readers and check up on those children while they receive the extra help to make sure they are making progress. DIBELS Next also may be used by to make decisions about how well the school's overall reading program is working for all children.

We are working hard at school to make sure that every child is on target for success, and we thank you for your efforts at home. Together, we will help your child become a successful reader. DIBELS Next results will be shared during our February Parent-Teacher Conferences. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress.



## MEAL TIME

Reduced Breakfast: \$0.30

Regular Breakfast: \$1.80

Adult Breakfast: \$2.15

Reduced Lunch: \$0.40

Regular Lunch: \$2.55

Adult Lunch: \$3.60

We encourage you to pay for meals with a check; however, cash can be brought to the office where you can receive a receipt of payment. If students bring cash to school, we are not responsible for lost or stolen money. Free and Reduced lunch applications are available. Parents are encouraged to apply.