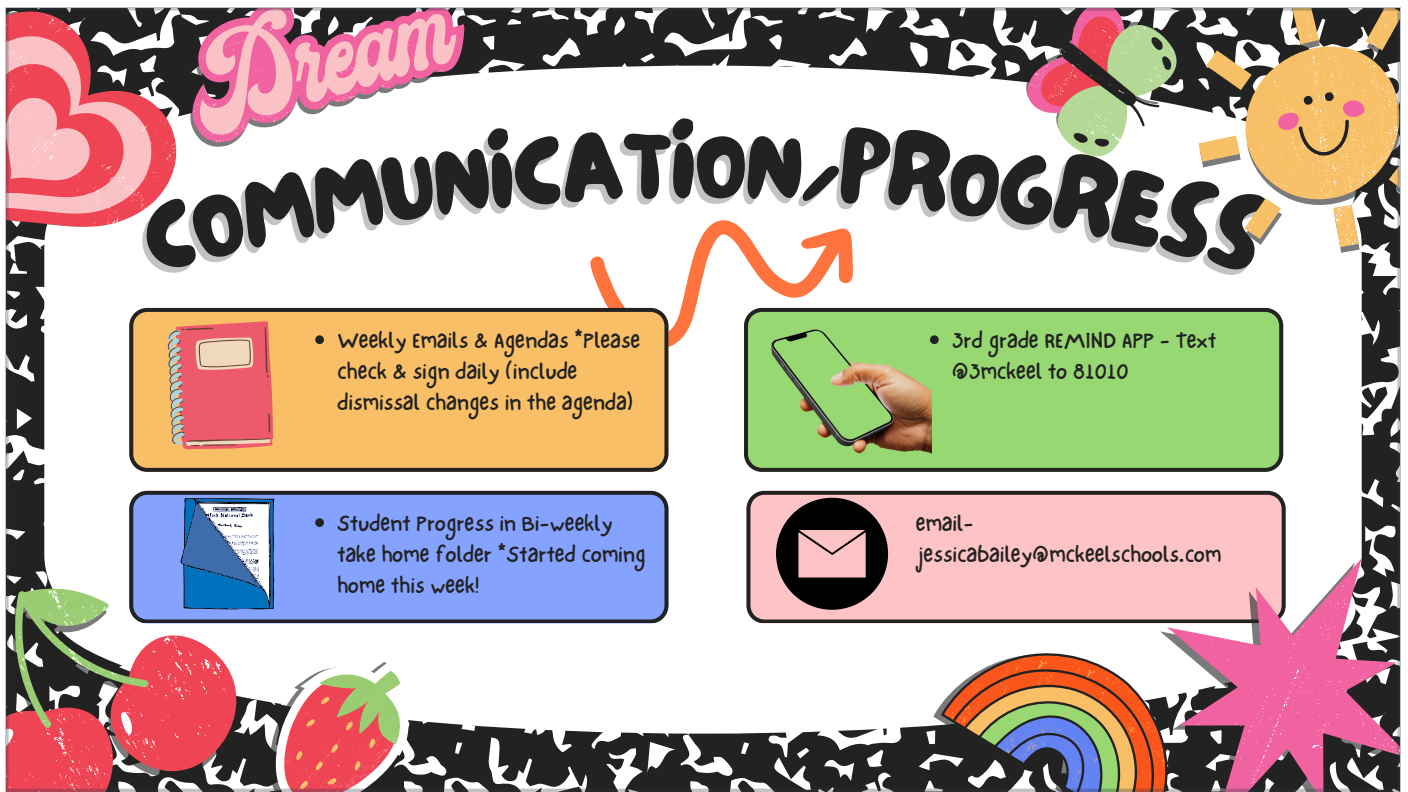


Welcome, Families!

Thank you so much for joining us tonight for 3rd Grade Parent Night! I am excited to partner with you for the 2025–2026 school year. Third grade is such a big year for growth—both academically and socially—and I am here to support your child every step of the way. Tonight, I'll walk you through important information about classroom expectations, communication, academics, and fun events like AR celebrations. I hope you leave feeling informed, connected, and just as excited as we are for a fantastic year ahead! Let's get started!



To help keep you informed and engaged in your child's education, here are several key ways we will be communicating and tracking progress throughout the year:

Weekly Emails & Student Agendas

You will receive weekly emails with important updates. In addition, your child will bring home a daily agenda. Please check and sign the agenda each day. If there are any dismissal changes, kindly note them directly in the agenda for our awareness.

Bi-Weekly Take-Home Folders

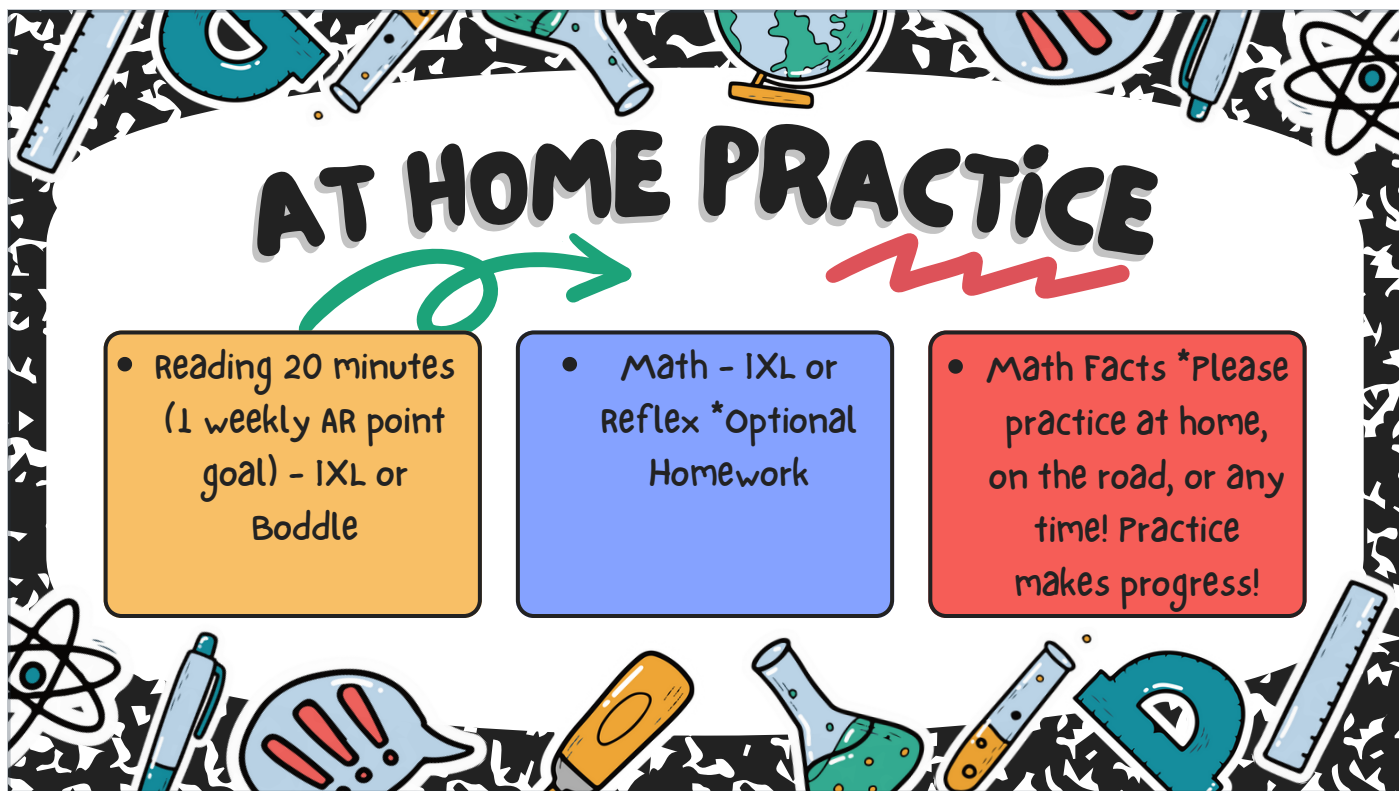
Starting this week, your child will begin bringing home a bi-weekly take-home folder. This folder will include updates on academic progress and classroom activities. Please review the contents, sign any necessary documents, and return the folder by the assigned day.

Remind App for 3rd Grade Communication


We will also be using the Remind app to share important announcements and reminders. To join, simply text @3mckee to 81010. This is a quick and easy way to stay connected in real time.

Open Communication

Lastly, I genuinely enjoy building relationships with families and value ongoing communication. If you have any questions or would like to connect, please feel free to reach out at any time. Your partnership is essential to your child's success!



To support your child's learning at home, I encourage consistent practice in two key areas:

 Reading:

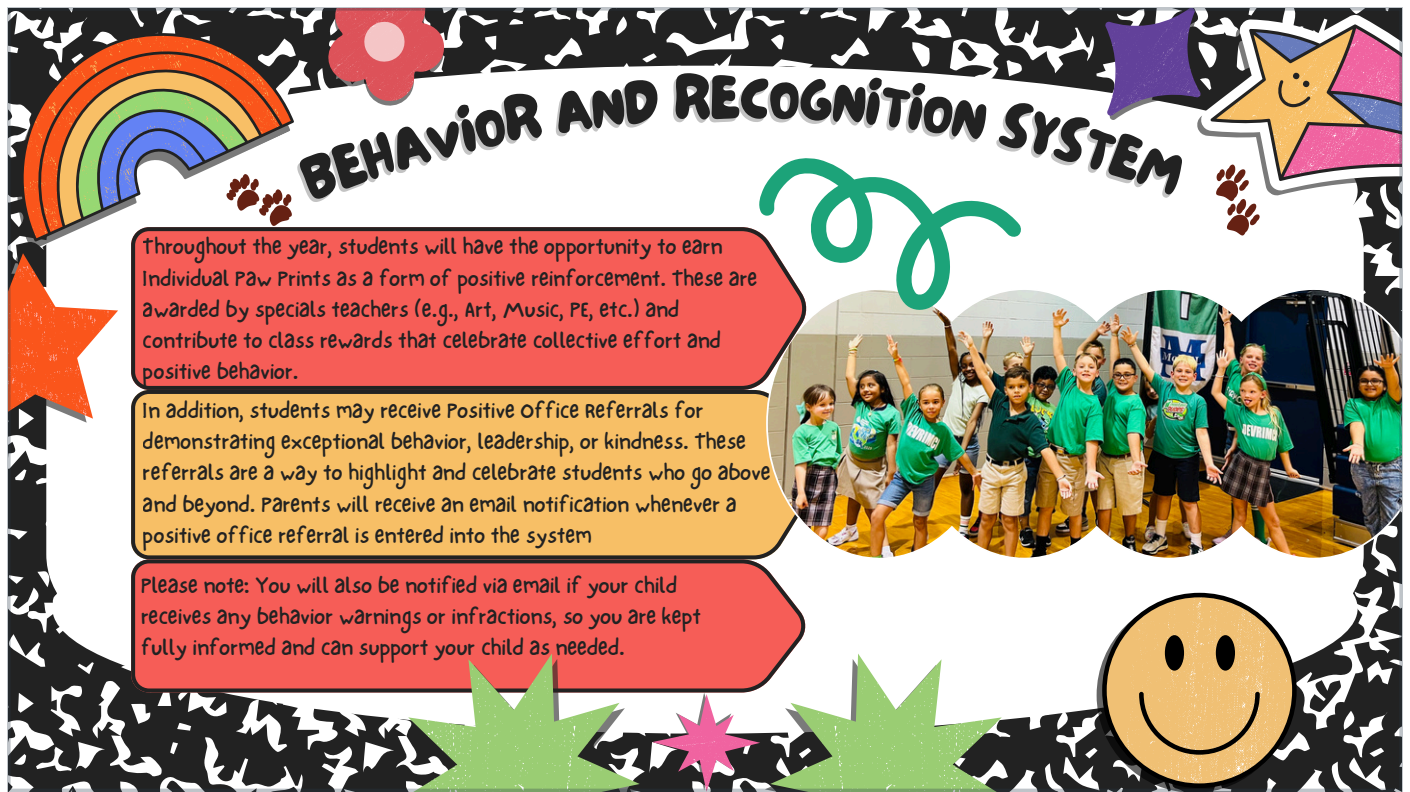
Please have your child read for at least 20 minutes each night. This daily habit helps build fluency, comprehension, and a love for reading. Students can read books of their choice or use books sent home from school.

÷ Math Facts – Multiplication:

Mastering multiplication facts is essential in 3rd grade. Practicing just a few minutes a day makes a big difference! You can use flash cards or free apps like:

Reflex and IXL

This extra practice at home reinforces what we're learning in class and helps build confidence. Thank you for your support!



In our classroom, we focus on creating a positive, respectful, and encouraging learning environment. Students are expected to follow classroom rules, show kindness, and make responsible choices each day.

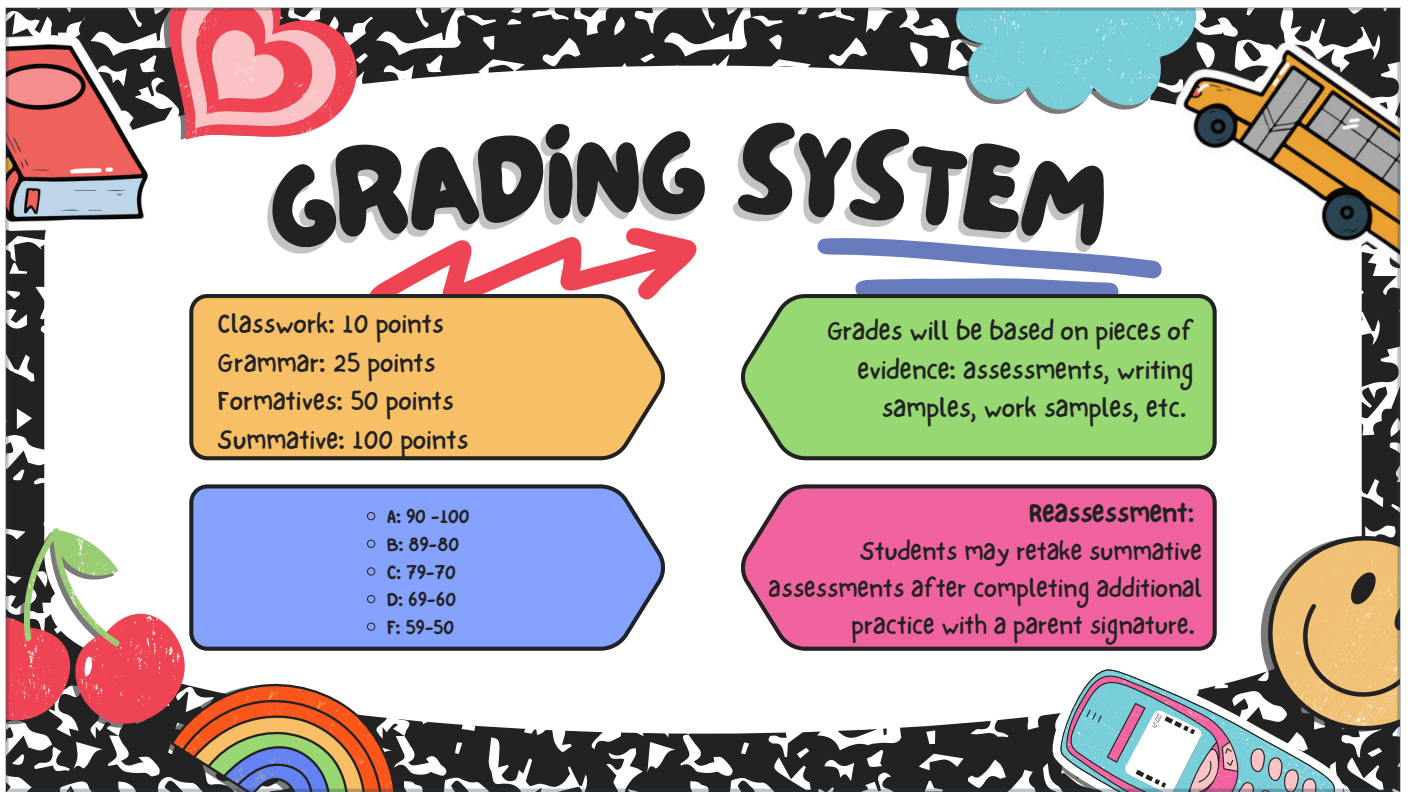
☀️ Positive Behavior:

When students go above and beyond, they may receive positive notes home or Positive Office Referrals to celebrate their great choices and effort.

⚠️ Behavior Infractions:

If a student violates a behavior expectation, it will be documented, and parents will be notified via email. Our goal is always to keep the lines of communication open and work together to support your child's growth.

I appreciate your partnership in helping all students succeed!

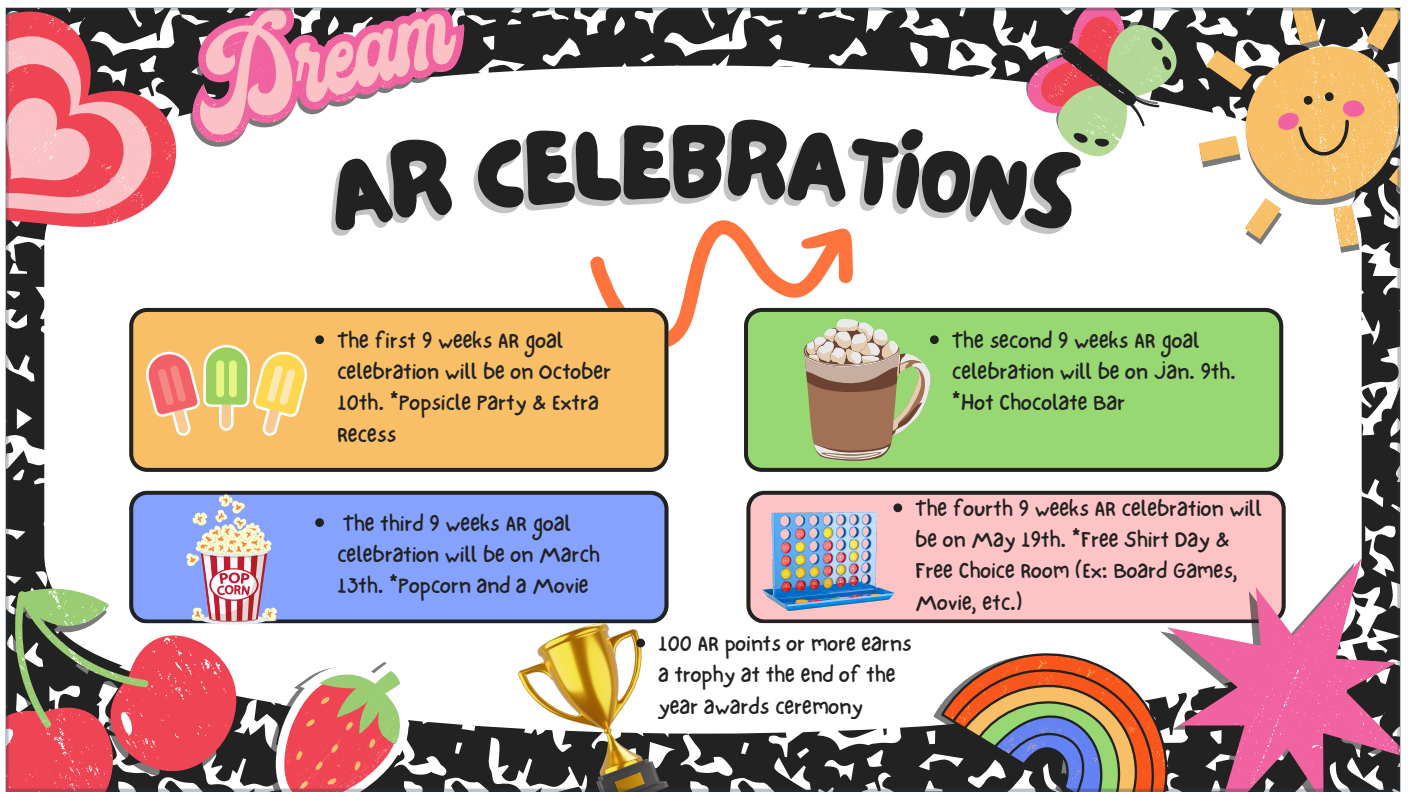


Student grades are based on a combination of formative (daily work, class activities) and summative (quizzes, tests, projects) assessments that reflect their understanding of the standards.

Reassessment Opportunity:

If a student does not demonstrate mastery on a summative assessment, they may retake it after completing additional practice. A parent signature is required to confirm the extra review was completed at home.

This process supports growth and encourages students to take ownership of their learning.



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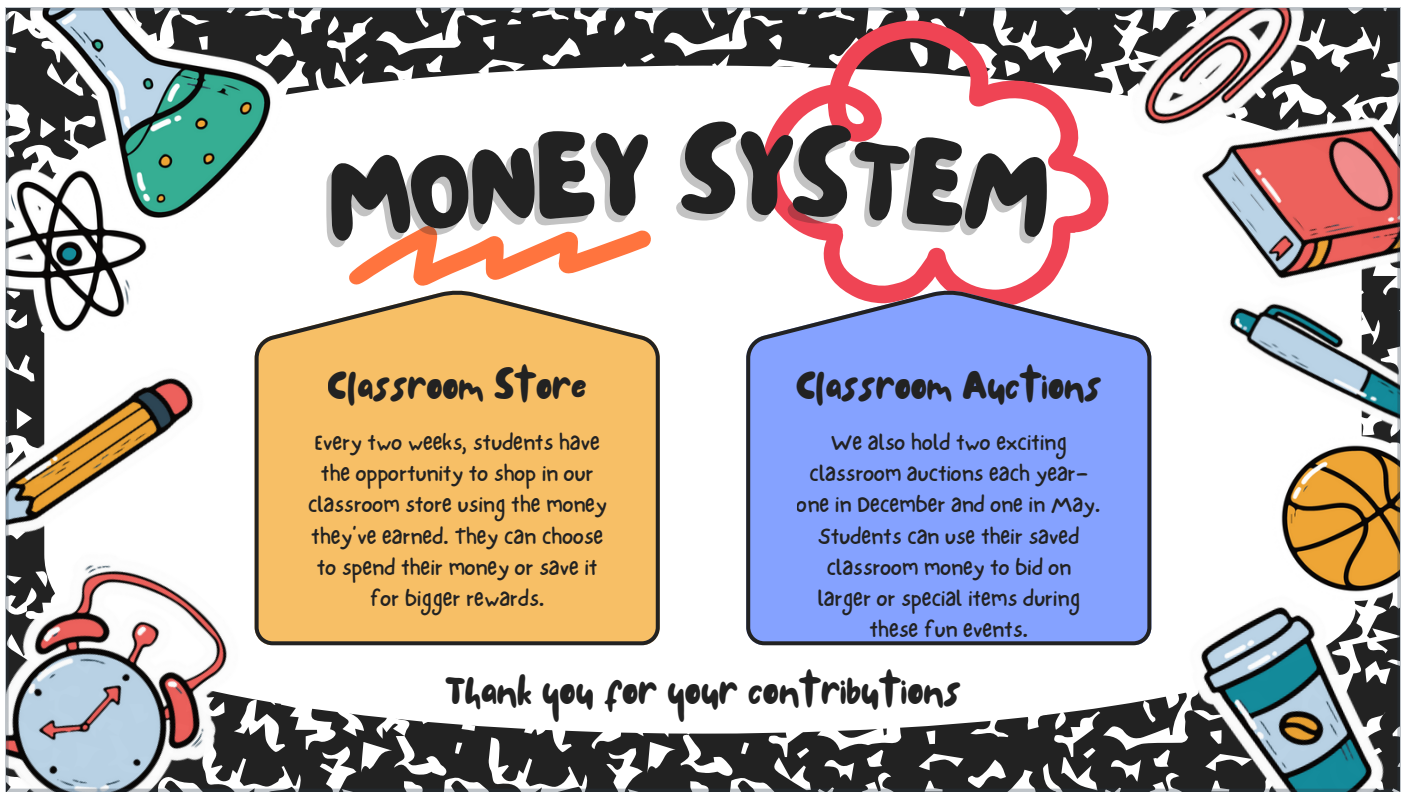
2nd 9 Weeks: Hot Chocolate Bar (Jan. 9)

3rd 9 Weeks: Popcorn & a Movie (March 13)

4th 9 Weeks: Free Shirt Day & Free Choice Room (May 19)

Also, any student who earns 100 AR points or more throughout the year will receive a trophy at our end-of-year awards ceremony! 🏆

These celebrations are a great way to motivate students to read consistently and track their progress.



To encourage responsibility and positive behavior, our class uses a classroom money system. Students earn "money" for things like good behavior, completing work, helping others, and showing leadership.

💰 Classroom Store:

Every two weeks, students have the opportunity to shop in our classroom store using the money they've earned. They can choose to spend their money or save it for bigger rewards.

🎉 Classroom Auctions:

We also hold two exciting classroom auctions each year—one in December and one in May. Students can use their saved classroom money to bid on larger or special items during these fun events.

We truly appreciate your contributions to the classroom store—they help make these incentives fun and meaningful for our students!



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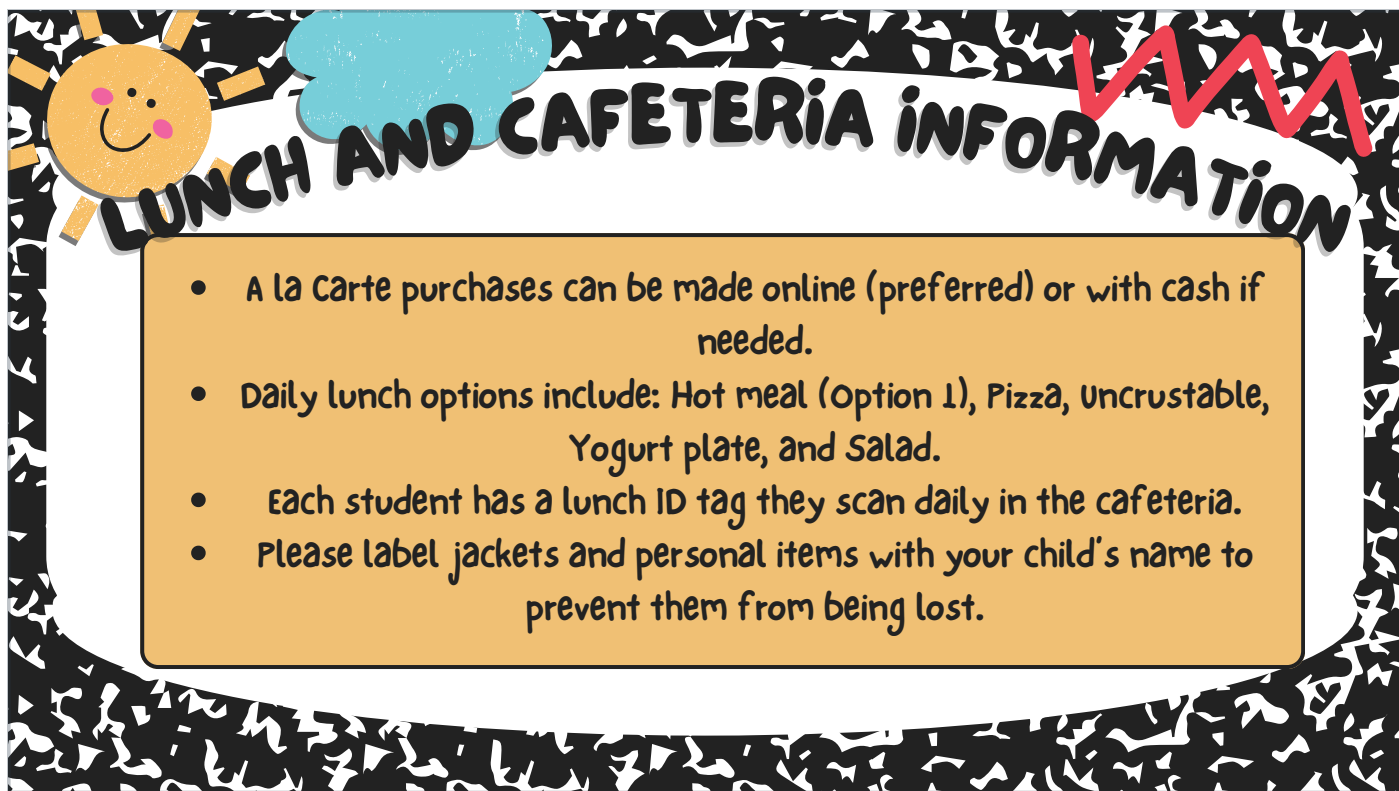
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A la Carte Purchases: Parents are encouraged to use the online A la Carte form for snack and additional item purchases. Cash is accepted if needed, but online payment is preferred for convenience and tracking.

Lunch Options: Students will have several choices each day, including:

Option 1 (hot meal)

Pizza

Uncrustable

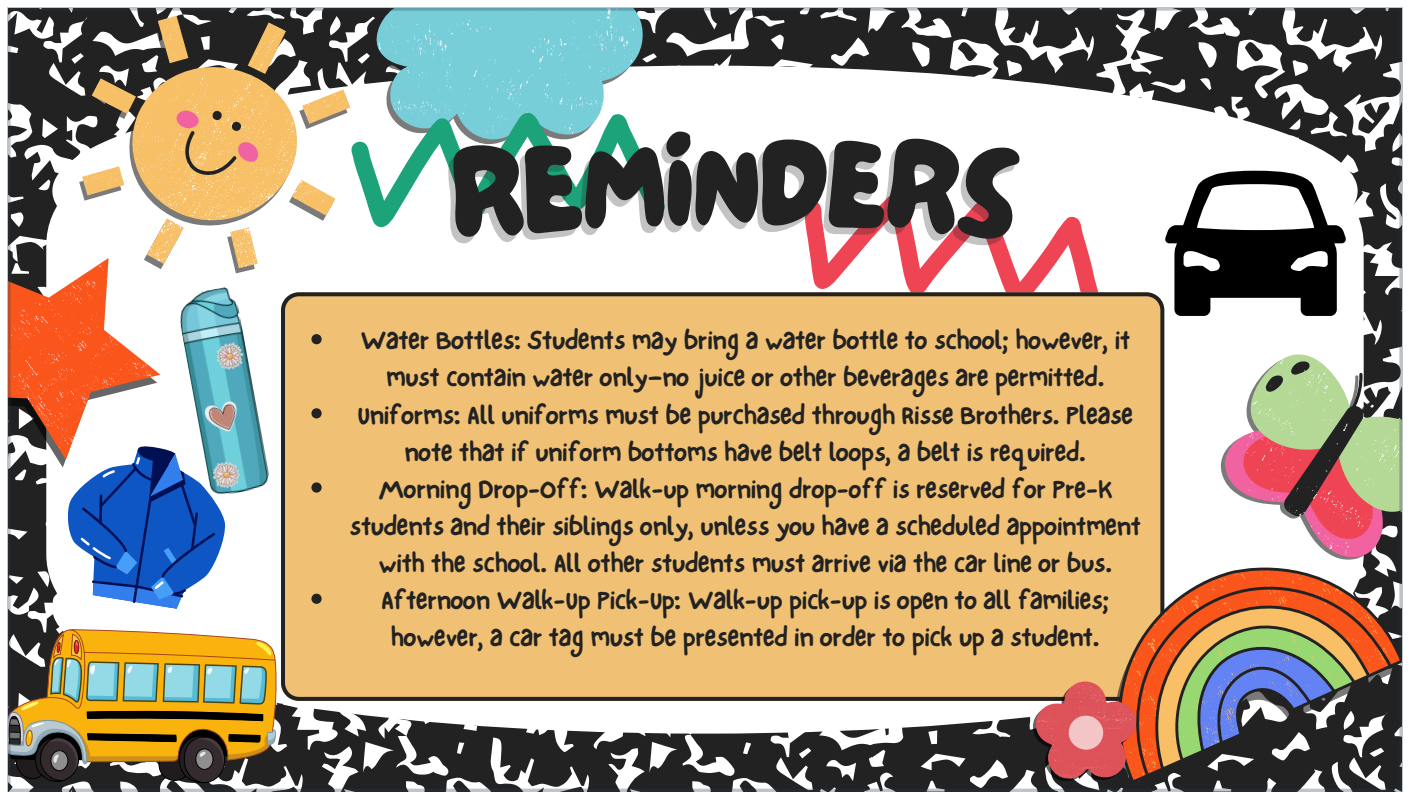
Yogurt plate

Salad

Student Lunch ID Tags: Each student is assigned a personal lunch ID tag, which they wear and scan daily in the cafeteria for efficient and accurate lunch service.

Labeling Personal Items: Please ensure your child's name is written on jackets, lunchboxes, and other personal belongings to help prevent lost items.

Thank you for helping us keep lunch routines smooth and organized

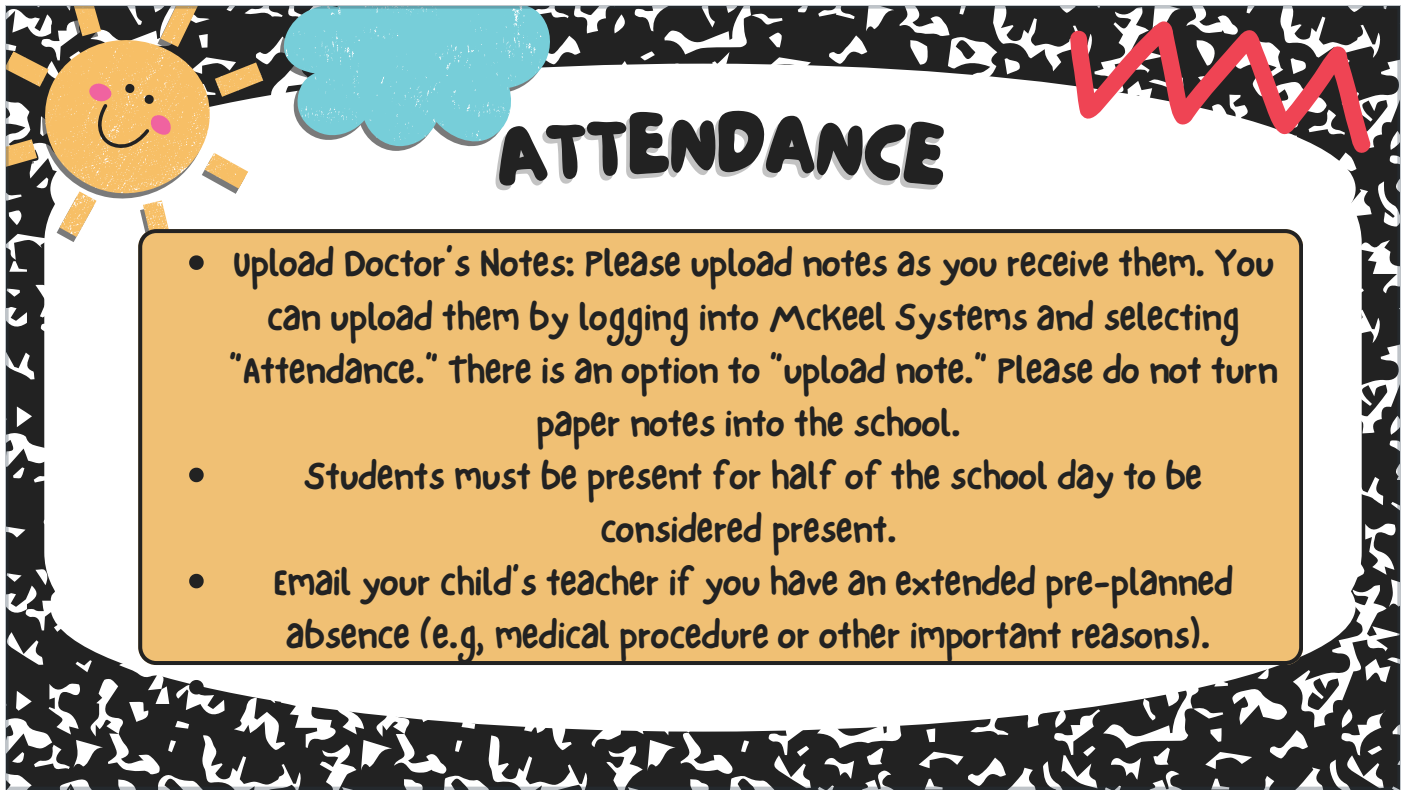




A heartfelt thank you to all of our families for your generous donations and support throughout the school year! Your contributions help bring our special classroom days to life and make them truly memorable for our students.

SignUpGenius links will be sent out ahead of each event, and your help is always appreciated—whether it's donating supplies, volunteering, or simply encouraging your child to participate.

Thank you again for making these experiences possible!



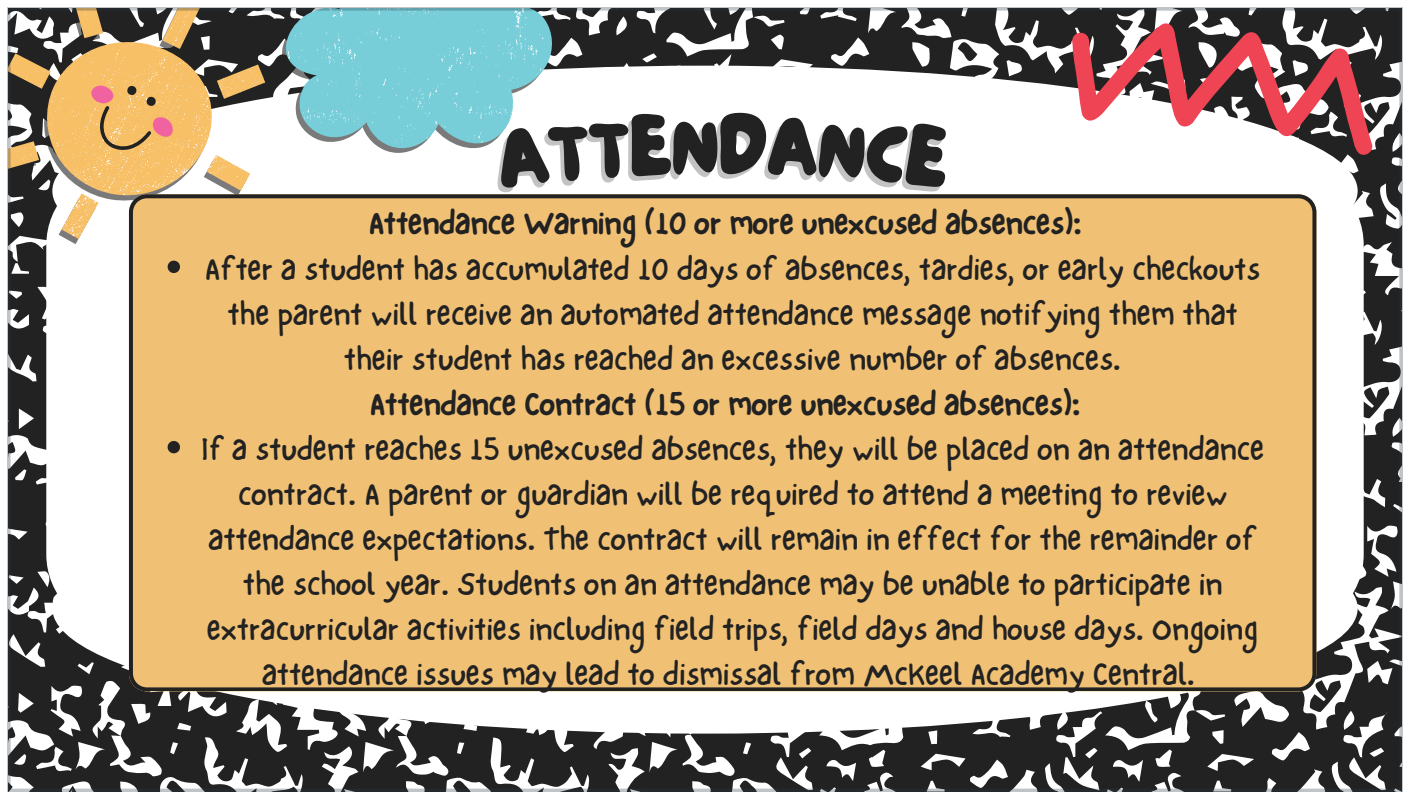
Attendance & Doctor's Notes – Quick Summary for Parents

Upload Doctor's Notes: Please upload all doctor's notes directly through McKeel Systems under the "Attendance" section. Paper notes are not accepted.

Daily Attendance: Students must be present for at least half of the school day to be counted as present.

Planned Absences: For any extended or pre-planned absences (such as medical procedures), please email your child's teacher in advance.

Thank you for helping us keep attendance records accurate and up to date!

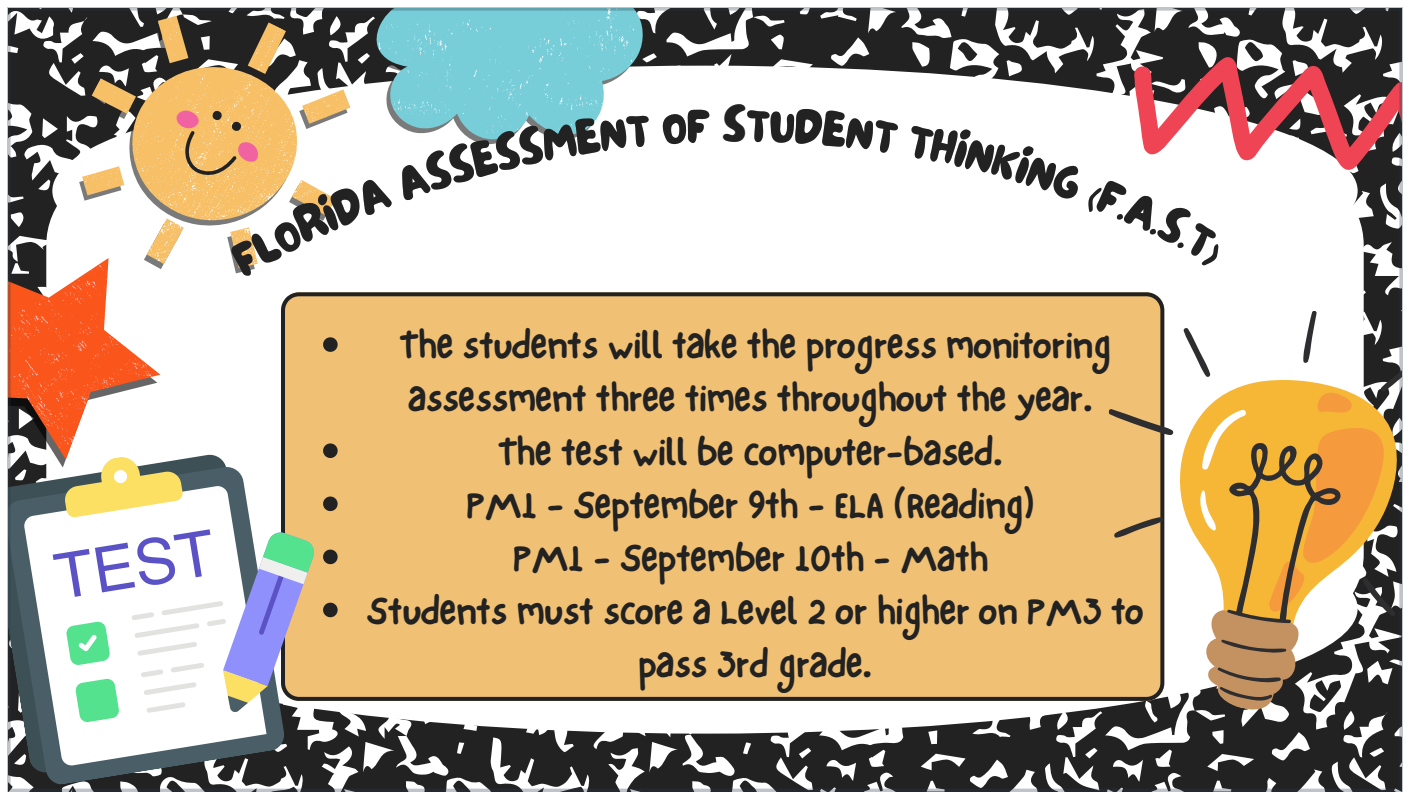


Attendance Policy Summary

Attendance Warning: After 10 unexcused absences, tardies, or early checkouts, parents will receive an automated message notifying them of excessive absences.

Attendance Contract: At 15 unexcused absences, students will be placed on an attendance contract, and a parent meeting will be required. The contract will remain in effect for the rest of the school year.

Students on an attendance contract may be ineligible for extracurricular activities such as field trips, field days, and house days. Continued attendance issues could result in dismissal from McKeel Academy Central.



- The students will take the progress monitoring assessment three times throughout the year.
- The test will be computer-based.
- PM1 - September 9th - ELA (Reading)
- PM1 - September 10th - Math
- Students must score a Level 2 or higher on PM3 to pass 3rd grade.



Field Trips

- Bonnet Springs Park - November 6th (Bailey, Porricelli & Saunders) November 7th (Kindle & Dougherty) - 9:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
- Lakeland Mirror Theatre/Barnett Park - December 11th 11:00 a.m. show then lunch afterwards - *8 chaperones per class
- Winter Breakfast - Dec. 19th 8:35 - 9:15 or 9:30-10:00 *2 guests per child
- Busch Gardens - February 6th (tentative)
- Circle B Characteristics of Plants and Animals Program - March 10th (Porricelli, Saunders, & Dougherty) March 11th (Kindle and Bailey) *No Chaperones
- Lakeland Flying Tigers Baseball Game - April - TBD

Semester Dues

- ▶ Fall Semester Dues will be \$30. You can pay online (preferred), check payable to: McKeel Academy Central, or cash. (August 26th - September 5th) - Shirt included with dues for kids
- ▶ Parent Field Trip T-shirt - \$15 (Can pay online)
- ▶ Extra Student Field Trip T-Shirt - \$12 (Can pay online)
- ▶ Spring Semester Dues will be \$30. Collection date - TBD

