

PARENT NEWSLETTER

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“To make our way, we must have firm resolve, persistence, tenacity. We must gear ourselves to work hard all the way. We can never let up.”

-Ralph Bunche

NEW YEAR, SAME RESOLVE

With every new year, comes new resolutions and goals. I welcome this goal-setting mentality but would also like to remind students to stay the course with learned and acquired habits. Students are quick at times to embrace new things and lose sight of what has worked for them in the past. With this in mind, I would like to encourage you to remind students of the following reading and writing strategies that are “tried and true” for success.

- After reading, **summarize** what you have read. Whether orally or in written form. Research has found that being able to summarize is a key indicator of successful reading.
- Identify, learn and apply new **vocabulary**. Students are exposed on average to 2,000 new vocabulary words per year. How many of those words are learned and used by students? I urge my staff and parents to

endorse the usage of new words verbally and in writing.

- Support your beliefs with **textual evidence**. Students are highly opinionated and we encourage them to voice their beliefs; however how much of their beliefs are rooted in something that they have read or experienced? Let’s continue to ask students to support their ideas with evidence.

-Ms. Flores

Principal

IMPORTANT DATES:

- January 14th: Academic Afterschool Program Begins from 2:30 to 3:30
- January 19th: School is closed in observation of Martin Luther King
- January 22nd: Drum Café Afterschool Program Begins from 2:30 to 4:30
- Please see Parent Calendar for weekly workshops as well as our website: 10x315.org