



Every Day Counts!

Dear Parents/Guardians:

At Windemere CLC, our goal is to ensure **ALL** our Stars are successful! One way to join us in this goal is by promoting positive attendance habits in your home.

Attending school daily (unless your child is ill) has a large impact on your child's academic success. Positive attendance habits as early as Kindergarten impact student achievement and as children grow more independent, family support continues to play a large role in school attendance.

We understand some absences are unavoidable, and students who are ill should not attend school. Yet, it is important to know that missing too much school - regardless of the reason - can cause students to fall behind academically. Your child will be less likely to succeed if he or she is chronically absent - which means missing 18 or more days over the course of the entire school year.

Did you know...

- **Children who are chronically absent in kindergarten and 1st grade are less likely to read at grade level by the end of third grade.**
- **By 6th grade, chronic absence is a proven early warning sign for students at risk for dropping out of school.**
- **By 9th grade, good attendance can predict graduation rates even better than 8th grade test scores!**
- **A student who misses just two days of school each month will miss 18 total days during the school year.**

You can help your child "BE A STAR" by implementing some of the tips below:

1. Establish a regular bedtime and morning routine.
2. Lay out clothes and pack lunches the night before.
3. Ensure your child is in school every day unless they are truly sick.
4. Have a backup plan for getting to school if something comes up.

Finally, please remember we are here to support you! If you see potential barriers towards positive school attendance please contact the school office (330-761-7937). We believe in your child, and we are committed to helping them do their best every day.

Thank you for your continued support,
Mrs. M. Lee-Wilfong
Principal, Windemere CLC