

# Suburban Park Elementary Parent Newsletter

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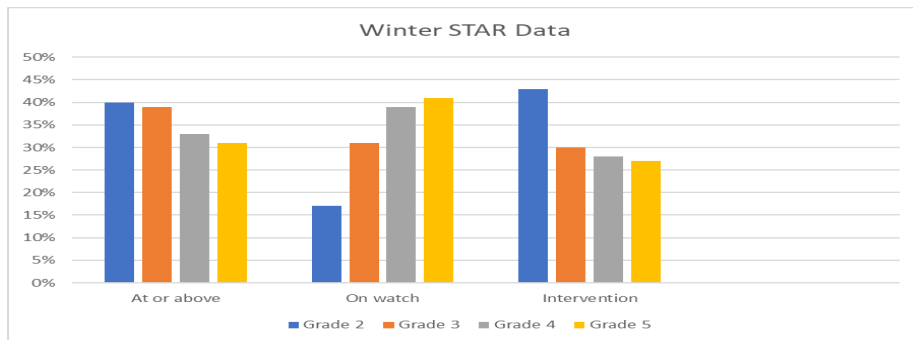


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Greetings Parents and Guardians,

We are excited to share our scholar's growth from September 2021 to January 2022. Our dedicated, highly qualified teachers work daily to improve student success. Together we can bridge the gap to academic success for all. Reach out to your child's teacher to arrange a conference to learn ways you can help your child at home.

## Reading



Every night students should read a minimum of 14.2 minutes. Reading nightly will help students learn to read and read to learn. At school, teachers provide direct instruction on phonics, phonemic awareness, and comprehension skills. Classroom instruction is supported by Lexia Core, a blended learning program, that accelerates the development of literacy skills for students. Everyone likes a friendly challenge. At Suburban Park, the class with the most Lexia minutes receives a pizza party monthly. Parents and guardians here are 5 helpful tips to assist raising a reader:

- 1) Commit to reading aloud everyday.
- 2) Visit the library or a bookstore.
- 3) Allow your child to choose books.
- 4) Be a reading role model.
- 5) Focus on enjoying great books!



## Important Dates

**Feb. 18** - Teacher Workday  
(No Scholars)

**Feb. 21** - President's Day  
(NPS Closed)

**Feb. 23**- Catholic Charities  
Information Session

Exciting and important news!

Stay in the know by downloading Class Dojo.





### ATTENDANCE TIPS

1. Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
2. Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before
3. Try to schedule non-Covid-19 related medical appointments and extended trips when school isn't in session.
4. If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors and other parents for advice on how to make your child feel comfortable and excited about learning.
5. If you are concerned that your child may have Covid-19, call your school for advice.
6. If your child must stay home due to illness or quarantine, ask the teacher for resources and ideas to continue learning at home.
7. Remember to send a written explaining why the child was absent to the main office.

### DID YOU KNOW?

- Starting in preschool and kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10%, or about 2 days each month over the course of a school year, can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just 1 or 2 days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences and tardiness can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up. Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Eventually good attendance will be a skill that will help them succeed in high school and college.

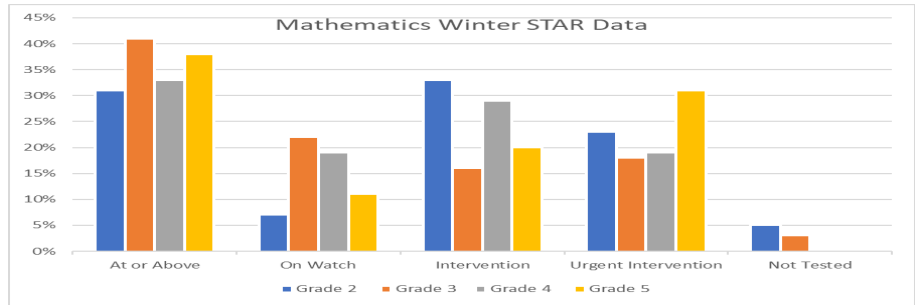
When Do Absences Become a Problem?

CHRONIC ABSENCE 18 or more days

WARNING SIGNS 10 to 17 days

SATISFACTORY 9 or fewer absences

## Mathematics



Suburban Park Elementary School's mathematical focus skills are number sense and problem solving. Number sense helps students to use and understand whole numbers, fractions, and decimals. Problem solving allows students to use a process to solve single and multi-step problems with whole numbers, fractions, and decimals using computational strategies.

Edmentum is an online learning program that individualizes learning for our students. To reinforce skills at home, students can use Edmentum nightly. In January, students who use Edmentum for four or more hours received a special in school movie treat. Additionally, classes with the most minutes also received an ice cream party.

Parents and guardians you can help your child become a math wizard by:

- 1) Allowing your child to teach you math
- 2) Making a math game
- 3) Encouraging creative problem solving
- 4) Showing your child math at work in their world
- 5) Being positive about math



## Attendance

Attendance is important for your child's academic success. At Suburban Park Elementary School, the Attendance Team collaborates with parents/guardians to monitor student attendance by contacting families to request documentation for absences or sending home attendance profiles to be completed and signed. The collaborative effort has allowed Suburban Park's unexcused absences to decrease from September to January.

