Dear Families,

Many of youngest students miss 10 percent of the school year—about 18 days a year or just two days every Month. Chronic absenteeism in kindergarten, and even pre-K, can predict lower test scores, poor attendance and retention in later grades, especially if the problem persists for more than a year. By working together, all of us educators, schools, public officials, families and students can help all children get to school every day so they have an opportunity to learn, flourish and realize their dreams. Ninety-five percent (95%) attendance is set as the district minimum standard for each student. In order for a student to have 95% attendance, the student must not miss more than seven days of school for an entire year, **excused or unexcused**. We know this year will be different with some students being online scholars please be sure that your child logs into class everyday on time this is very important so that your child does not fall behind. If you need assistance logging in please contact (203 -275 -3648). As A Dunbar family let's make sure our children's education is our main priority. ☺

Tracking Our Progress

•This year our goal is to decrease chronic attendance by 5% and have an ADA of 95%

•<u>Current data:</u>

73.93 % Average Daily Attendance

26 % Chronic Attendance

Attendance Tips

- Attendance is a parent and student responsibility. Engage and Let your child know that you think attending School daily is important. Show them you are interested in their school activities and tell them that you want them to do well in school.

- Give yourself and children enough time to get ready for school. Eat breakfast!

- **We understand things are different due to COVID19 so please make sure your child is signing on virtually every day if they are an online student. (9 am – 2 pm)**

Get proper rest and go to bed early!! ☺

Raffle

I've read the attendance newsletter and pledge to do my part making sure my child comes to school the month of October. Please sign and return to enter a raffle for a special prize! ☺

Name of Student(s): _____

Class of Student(s): _____

Date: _____