

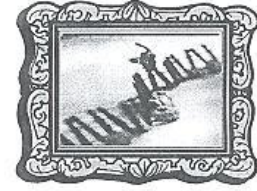


Chapman Elementary

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C.A.S.T.L.E. – Challenging All Students To Learning Excellence



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A Message From Mrs. Harris

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It's hard to believe it is already October! The kids have settled into their classes and new friendships have been formed. It is so exciting to visit the classrooms and see the growth our students have made in such a short time. I would like to thank the large number of parents and guardians who are in our classrooms every day.

Your volunteer hours are appreciated by teachers and students alike. We appreciate all parents for checking in at the office and obtaining a visitor's sticker.

The importance of Regular Attendance – Students usually begin each New Year with excitement and enthusiasm. The anticipation of a new teacher, new friend, and begin with old friends provides real motivation for daily attendance at school. Unfortunately, as the year progresses, some students and their parents may become careless about regular attendance. Missing a few days of school may seem inconsequential to them. School officials, charges with the responsibility of enforcing compulsory attendance laws, are sometimes faced with parents who do not place a priority on regular school attendance. There are several reasons why regular school attendance at school is important for every student. First, it is difficult for young students to learn if they are not in school. The teaching-learning process builds upon itself-each lesson presented to students is based upon or related to the lessons that were taught earlier. Just as we can never regain a moment of time wasted, the child who misses a day of school also misses a day of education that cannot be retrieved; indeed, all research shows that those children who attend school regularly are more likely to be successful during their school years. Success after graduation is a second reason for regular attendance. If young children do not develop the habits of good attendance and prompt completion of assignments while they are in school, when will they learn these things? Their success as adults in their chosen occupation is dependent upon these habits. From experience, most educators know that students' success in their school years is directly related to the importance that parents place on education. Then parents believe that consistent attendance is important and communicate that belief to their children, unnecessary absences from school will be dramatically reduced. We encourage Chapman students to attend school everyday unless an illness or emergency prevents them from doing so.

Chapman Elementary School is "Picturing Success". Let's shoot for perfect attendance this new school year!

