

Hello Hornet Families,

Third quarter is underway, and we are halfway through the 2023-2024 school year. As you begin receiving report cards and Individual Student Reports from benchmarks, reflect on your child's performance and the goals you set with your child earlier in the year. Are your child's grades at least a C or higher in all classes? Is their attendance greater than 95%? Have they been demonstrating responsible behavior and social interactions thus far this year? It is not too late to reset or adjust goals and create new, improved action steps to ensure your child finishes the year strong and even better than they began. At minimum, students should read and practice math for at least 30 minutes each per day.

The start of second semester is also a wonderful time to help your child clean out and organize their bookbags. Loose papers need to be organized in the appropriate folder. Trash needs to be discarded (shake that bookbag out!), overdue library books need to be returned. Let us enter this first full week of second semester with our bookbags clean, organized, and ready for a successful second semester. This week in SEL, students will learn about taking pride in themselves, their work, and their community. At home, you can help students take pride in their work by establishing a nightly study routine, encouraging and supporting homework completion, encouraging self-advocacy by reaching out to teachers in person or via email, and encouraging students to show and prove their work in and out of school. Additionally, checking PowerSchool with your child regularly helps create a sense of urgency with assignment completion and earning well above passing grades.

Our basketball teams will play at Mint Hill Middle School on Monday and at home against Northridge on Thursday. Games will begin at 5:00. Students planning to attend must go home on their regular mode of transportation and return with a parent who will accompany them throughout the game. No bags of any kind are allowed. Students assigned to OSS or ISS within the past 30 days are not eligible to attend. As a reminder, we are working to improve our attendance rate to a minimum of 95%. This means students miss school less than one day per month. Students should only be absent from school if they are sick and contagious. Please help us improve our daily attendance rate by sending your child to school on time daily.

Remember to follow us on ParentSquare, Instagram (@arms.ib.academy) and Facebook (Albemarle Road Middle Academy) for the latest updates! We appreciate your support!

Enjoy your Sunday, Hornets!