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Dear Parents,

It is so hard to believe that we are halfway through the school year!!!! It has been a joy and a privilege to be entrusted with your children.

In completing my review of final report cards, it was brought to my attention that some students have excessive absences. We recently had an outbreak of the flu, among other illnesses. Our School Nurse, Mrs. Hutchins, did a wonderful job keeping track of absences and reminding parents to send the required Doctor's note with children who had been out three or more days. **This note is required by the Maryland State Department of Education.** If you have not sent in your required note, please do as soon as possible.

Additionally, I would like to remind you of the State of Maryland Truancy Law as stated in our handbook on page 7.

Truancy Law

Under Maryland State Law, a student is considered truant if they miss more than **8** school days in a quarter, **15** days in a semester, and or **20** days in a school year. By law, truancy must be reported, and **retention may be necessary.**

It is extremely important to document ALL of your student's absences in a timely manner so they may be kept in their permanent file.

I thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this extremely important matter.

Let all that you do be done in Love
Corinthians 16:14

Stay happy, healthy, and holy!

Mrs. Jennifer Thompson
Principal