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School Counseling Newsletter

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Is your first grader at risk for drop out?

A recent Harvard Graduate School of Education document discussed how it is difficult to comprehend that students who may not even be able to tie their shoes are at risk for drop-out.

However, research shows that if a first grader is absent more than 9 times, is below grade level in reading or math, and/or has a GPA lower than 1.2, all by the third marking period, they are at risk for becoming disengaged in school. When looking at the effect of a high number of absences on a first grader, it becomes a systemic issue. The systems surrounding a child (family, educational agencies, social services, police departments, etc.) should begin working together to prevent disengagement at this young age.

(Sapers, 2014)

REMEMBER!

Life is about the journey, not the end point. Try to create peak, day to day, experiences for you and your child. Many people work hard to get to a certain end point and forget to live in the moment and appreciate life's daily pleasures.

Groups!

Lunch Groups

Lunch Groups will continue to be run throughout the year. They are open to all and include guidance lessons and fun activities.

Friendship Group & Changing Families Group

These groups are in the middle of their sessions right now. Please contact the counseling office if you have any questions about joining.

Stretching Group

The stretching group started on March 27 and will be continuing until April 17. There is a possibility of extending the group. Please return permission forms if you would like your child to attend.

