



Sept. 2018 NMIS/NMMS

Date

i-Ready Testing:

Our new benchmarking system for students in grades K-8 is i-Ready. This system replaces MI and RI which were used by our district for the last several years. i-Ready provides an assessment of where a student is at a given point in the school year in the areas of math and reading. The program also allows our teachers to pinpoint to access interventions when they may need an extra boost in math or reading. Finally, the program has a monitoring system that checks if the interventions are effective. We began benchmark testing this week and we will conclude in early September. You will also receive a detailed report of your child's progress. If you have any questions about i-Ready, please call me at 627.2136 or email me at jdowns@northmacschools.org.

My Math/Glencoe Math

North Mac adopted a new math series last spring. The series is titled *My Math* for students in grades K-5 and *Glencoe Math* grades 6-8. Our teachers were trained on June 11th on the new instructional materials and they are really excited about having a common math series for grades K-8. If you have any questions about the new math program, I would encourage you to talk to your child's teacher by phone or email. I would also encourage you to continue to stress the importance of math facts to your child. Math facts are an important skill that every student needs to have regardless of what math program a school is using.

PBIS UPDATE: Our intermediate and middle school students are working toward achieving their first quarter PBIS goals! Intermediate students are focusing on positive behaviors while the middle school students are aiming for no failing grades!

Quarter 1 Rewards:

- 3rd grade= movie and snack
- 4th/5th grades= extra recess and popsicle
- 6th/7th/8th grades= recess and cookout

ATTENDANCE INCENTIVES: School success goes hand in hand with student attendance! We have created incentives to promote improved student attendance throughout the year.

- Monthly classroom competitions will take place at each grade level.
- Individual rewards will be given for perfect attendance each quarter.

monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday
3 Labor Day	4	5	6	7 G-parents Day
10 Book Fair Begins	11	12 11:30 Dismissal	13 Open House	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28 H-coming Parade @ 3:00
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