September 9, 2013

Dear Parents,

Can you believe there are only four weeks until Fall Break and the end of the 1st quarter?!

Attached is a mid-quarter progress report. I have also included a copy of “Learner Qualities” which outlines the expectations for students’ behavioral grade so far and is lumped under “Self Directed Learner” on this progress report. This will be broken into five separate categories on student quarterly report cards.

This progress report gives you a quick snapshot of where your student is right now based on material covered so far. The 4 point rubric/general description for each point value is included at the bottom of the progress report. Please keep in mind that the next four weeks will include many assignments that can raise ☺ /lower ☹ these current scores. If you see a 2+/3- this means your student is right in between.

Our end of the unit science assessment is scheduled for Thursday. Instead of Thursday spelling homework, I would like students to really study their spelling words and the Weather Unit Study Guide I gave them last week. My goal is that they understand and be able to explain/diagram the water cycle, describe tools that meteorologists use to predict weather, interpret a line graph that includes weather data, and identify different types of clouds. This has been our focus the last few weeks during science. Ask your son/daughter to describe the water cycle for you!

I will send conference reminders home next week and if you haven’t had a chance to sign up for a conference, please do so at your earliest convenience. If you aren’t able to sign up at school, please email me and I will send you a list of available conference times and we can schedule via email. Included in this week’s Blue Folder is a Pre-Conference Questionnaire and if you can fill out and return by Friday, that would be wonderful.

Thank you so much for sharing your children with me!