



AKRON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Making a Difference, Each and Every Day

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Dear Akron Elementary Parents and Families,

We would like to first express our immense gratitude for your patience, diligence, and ability to take on the challenge of “at home” learning over the last few months. While we know this has been time filled with challenges, we could not be more proud of our students and teachers. We can attribute their success and continued learning beyond the classroom to our incredible teachers and to all of you.

We recognize that this unprecedented period of time has come with several questions and unknowns. The question of how students would be assessed or held accountable for their completion of assignments over this time has been an area we have focused much of our attention on. As we decided on a final format for traditional “grading” and report cards for the third trimester, we gathered feedback from a committee including several teacher representatives to make a decision that was in the best interest of our students at Akron Elementary. We have decided to forego all formal grading for this third trimester and instead focus solely on feedback from the teacher.

This time has forced us to change our traditional procedures in order to best fit the needs of our students. We firmly believe that feedback is the best format for providing parents and students with a true description of a student's performance on assignments throughout our school closure. Teacher's feedback for students will include a summary of their overall performances as well as a summary of students' areas of strength and potential areas of improvement for next year. This is meant to be an informative description. A copy of the report card your child will receive will be sent home with your child's belongings during pick up on May 26th.

Despite the challenges we have faced, we have continued to approach this in a positive and encouraging manner with both our staff and our students. It is hard to believe that we are at the end of our school year. We ask that you join us in ending the year strong. We appreciate your support and our continued partnership in your child's education.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to reach out to us at any time at (716)542-5050.

Sincerely,

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