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Hello Hillcrest Families

We have successfully completed half a year and this means we are left with five months of fun and learning ahead! I can't stress enough how vitally important it is to keep up the school and family collaboration. Good solid partnerships create successful students. I hope that you are continuing to help your child earn stamps in their "Passport To Reading"!

All students need to be prepared for cold winter weather. Please know that our students go outside for recess every day and children should be dressed in warm winter gear (hats, warm gloves, boots etc.,) Only in extremely cold temperatures (under 32 degrees with the wind chill factor) do we remain indoors for the 20-minute recess.

As we gear up for the NYS tests, it would be helpful for you to review some basic yet very effective practices such as math facts, reading and talking about books, and reviewing punctuation rules, to name a few. Please make sure that you communicate with the teachers if you have any concerns or questions.

Chronic absence and tardy letters will be going home again at the end of the second marking period. Also, it is important to remember that if you are away on vacation, these absences, according to the New York State Department of Education are listed as unexcused absences.

In addition, I hope that you will continue to visit the school website from time to time to enjoy the news and photos of our ongoing activities.

As always, thank you for your continued support and for sharing your most precious gifts with us!

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Don't Forget these dates:

- We were selected to participate in the NAEP testing – February 14th
- Our next Kraft Mobile Community Food Truck delivery will be February 16th
- Winter Break February 20 - 24