

Counselor's Corner



Presbyterian Christian School Elementary – September 2025

FRIENDSHIP / TEAMWORK

Being a good friend in elementary school fosters emotional, social, and even academic growth by boosting self-esteem, teaching vital communication and cooperation skills, providing emotional support, and improving attitudes towards school and learning. These benefits extend beyond childhood, helping children develop empathy, confidence, and a sense of belonging that prepares them for future relationships and challenges

September is in full swing, and the school year has officially kicked off. School attendance is an important part of developing friendship skills. Make a goal with your child to be at school all day, every day this month and see how grades get better, friendships with classmates and teachers grow stronger, and work ethic gets a boost. Missing school here and there can lead to bad outcomes later and adds extra work for teachers. Let's aim for a record in school attendance this month! Being a good friend means being present for your classmates and teachers each day.

HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH

SEPTEMBER IS ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH

Students who attend school regularly have been shown to achieve at higher levels than students who do not have regular attendance

Did you know?

Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.

Children who are chronically absent in kindergarten and 1st grade are much less likely to read at grade level by 3rd grade.

Missing 10 percent of the school year, (about 18 days) negatively affects a student's academic and social skill development.

Tips to Improve School Attendance:



Arrive to school on time (tardies can lead to poor attendance)



Have a backup plan for getting to school (neighbor, family, friend)



Have a night and morning routine (layout clothes & pack backpack night before)



Plan medical appointments & vacations when school is not in session



Ask for help: contact your teacher or school counselor if your child is avoiding school

RESOURCES

TIPS FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

- Creating a successful morning routine for school – click [HERE](#)
- Daily schedule chart to print and post at home – click [HERE](#)
- How to support a child with separation anxiety brochure – click [HERE](#)



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