Dear Parents,

The kids are settling in well into our Afterschool program. The Afterschool academic pull out groups are progressing nicely. In these groups, the students work with an Oak Park teacher on skills that they use in their daytime classes. This is the perfect time for them to receive small group help without the full class so they can receive direct skill review.

We have culinary starting next week. Mrs. Beverly will come for 6 weeks to work on healthy cooking practices and trying new foods. The kids always love when she comes. On the 7th week that she comes, she will make enough for the parents to try when you pick up. So please come try the dish she makes for the parents. She really enjoys hearing about how the kids have enjoyed her time with her.

Attendance in BASA: North

The BAS Academy Program is an academic based program which requires the students to be attending each day checking out no earlier than 5:47 PM. We want every student to get the maximum benefits from the program. If your child is continuously absent, picked up early, or picked up late, they may be asked to leave the program.

If your child is absent or not attending on a specific day, please let us know. This is for the safety of your child.

Three reasons every father should read to their child and not just moms:

1. Dads provide a different set of skills to their children. When mom and dad read to their children, it positively impacts their learning. When fathers read to their children, the child’s verbal skills can increase by up to fifteen percent, which does not typically happen when just moms read to them.

2. Children are better behaved. Studies show that when fathers read to their children and share other caregiving responsibilities with mom, their children have better attachment, they have high self-esteem, and show better social competence. The time fathers spend with their children builds their literacy skills, the child has better impulse control, shows a greater ability to take initiative, and are more empathetic.

3. Children do better academically. When dads model the importance of literacy to their children, they perform better in academic endeavors, and have higher scores on standardized achievement tests.