



## August 2026 Bailey News

Dear Families,

As we begin a new school year, we want to reaffirm the importance of the partnership between our families and school staff.

Our students are most successful when the adults who support them work together with consistency, professionalism, and mutual respect. Families and staff each play an essential role in creating the environment our students need to learn, grow, and thrive.

Communication is central to that partnership. We ask that all communication between families and staff remain timely, respectful, and focused on supporting the needs of the student. When questions or concerns arise, we encourage families to reach out to the appropriate staff member so that matters can be addressed efficiently and collaboratively. Our staff, in turn, is expected to communicate with families professionally and with care.

We may not always approach every situation from the same perspective, but we remain committed to the same goal: doing what is best for our students.

### **The 20-15-10 Practice**

We also want to continue the 20-15-10 practice shared with families throughout the summer:

- 20 minutes of reading
- 15 minutes of solving math problems
- 10 minutes of practicing penmanship

This practice is completed outside of regular homework. It is designed to provide consistent practice in foundational skills without adding to students' academic workload.

It doesn't have to feel overwhelming. The 45 minutes can be broken into smaller portions throughout the day and fit within your family's normal routine, for example:

Reading: 10 minutes before school and 10 minutes before bed

Math: while preparing dinner, riding in the car, using flash cards, counting money, comparing prices, or practicing multiplication facts

Penmanship: writing a grocery list, copying a favorite quote, keeping a short journal, practicing a signature, or writing a note to a family member

What matters most is consistency, not perfection. Our goal is to build habits, not add pressure.

We encourage families to:

- Ask students what they're reading, and let them choose books and topics that interest them
- Celebrate improvement in math, not just correct answers
- Recognize the effort behind neat, careful handwriting
- A few intentional minutes each day can make a meaningful difference over the course of a school year.

### **Moving Forward Together**

As we move forward, we ask every member of our school community to model the professionalism, communication, consistency, and collaboration we want our students to learn. They are watching how we work together, how we solve problems, and how we treat one another.

Thank you for your continued partnership, your investment in our students, and the work you do at home to reinforce their learning. We look forward to a productive and successful school year together.

With appreciation,  
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