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Dear Parents and Caregivers:

 Happy New Year! First, let me welcome you all back to school for the second semester and the third quarter! There is so much going on in the country with the rise of the pandemic, yet again. The district remains vigilant and proactive concerning matters around issues related to social distancing, contract tracing, and wearing masks. We know that the CDC have updated their recommendations. Individuals that are vaccinated and have been exposed to someone who tests positive are now only required to quarantine or self- isolate for five days. Due to the rapid changes and impact of the pandemic, there is a possibility that virtual learning will be implemented to ensure the health of the students and staff.

 I spoke with many of you last week concerning the need to sign for technology for students. It is important that students have this form signed by you, as in the event we are virtual it is required to take home the iPad. For those students that do not have this form signed, a learning packet will be provided to them. Ms. Clemens is the point of contact and is available at the school from 8am-2pm to assist you with completing this form. Unfortunately, this form cannot be sent home nor can it be emailed. Parents and caregivers must visit the school building to complete this. I appreciate your willingness to be flexible as we all make adjustments during this time.

 This past Friday report cards were sent home with students. We are half way through the year and our fourth graders and now rising fifth graders! We are continuing to work towards all learning goals and targets. Students just completed the CFAs, which is a pretest that gauges knowledge in all content areas. I appreciate the time you have spent with students on ensuring that they continue to read independently for at least 20 minutes a day as I have noticed an increase in reading scores. In addition, I have provided students with their reading results and levels from the STAR testing completed the first week of December.

 As we begin a new year and a new semester, I look forward to continuing to partner with each of you to ensure our students’ success. I have started sending home weekly behavior sheets on Fridays for your review and signature. A friendly reminder for those who need to reach me with questions or concerns, my contact number is 314-332-9856 and my email is Kenneth.moore2@slps.org. Let us make it a great rest of the year!

Respectfully yours,

Mr. Kenneth Moore