

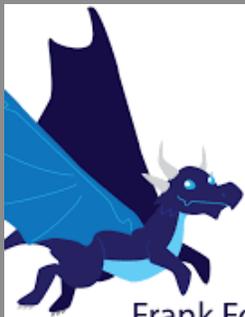


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# FRANK FOWLER DOW

School 52's Newsletter for Parents

Be Smart, Be Brave, Be Kind, Be YOU!



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## Midyear is the perfect time to review your child's attendance

**The halfway point of the school year is approaching. Now is a perfect time for a mid-year checkup on your child's attendance. Each year in the United States, close to eight million students are at risk academically because they are chronically absent. Here's what researchers have found:**

- **School absences add up.** When students aren't present in class, they miss out on valuable learning.
- **Missing school** becomes a habit. Students who miss a lot of school in kindergarten are still frequently absent in fifth grade.
- **There is a clear relationship** between early attendance and later achievement. Kids who come to school regularly in the early grades are still doing well in secondary school—and they are more likely to graduate from high school. How many days of school has your child missed this year? If you're unsure, contact the school to find out. It's not too late to get back on track so he can have a successful school year—and school career.

**"Students are at academic risk if they miss 10 percent or more of the school year, or about 18 days a year."**



## Use toothpicks to reinforce math concepts

A box of toothpicks is all you need to teach your child some valuable math skills—reasoning, number sense and even basic geometry. Toothpick math is also a fun way to make time go faster while waiting at an appointment. Here are some fun ways to put a box of toothpicks to use:

- **Last one wins.** This is a great game for two people. Lay out 12 toothpicks. Taking turns, players may remove one or two toothpicks. The player who takes the last toothpick wins. (Try to leave three toothpicks on the table to guarantee a win on your next turn.)
- **Can you copy this?** Using five toothpicks, create a design. Let your child look at it for only three seconds. Then cover it up and see if your child can recreate it from memory.
- **Tricky triangles.** Give your child seven toothpicks. How many triangles can he create?
- For even more toothpick fun, head over to: [www.education.com/activity/article/Toothpick\\_Math](http://www.education.com/activity/article/Toothpick_Math) and download a page of toothpick puzzles to try!

### Parent Reminder

We will be sending out weekly updates each Wednesday until we open for hybrid learning on Monday, February 8, 2021.

Please make sure that we have your correct email address. Hybrid instruction will only be on Mondays and Tuesdays. More information will follow.



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