



Dear IPS Families,

Once again, our IPS Eagles were soaring last month. Our 5th grade students were recognized at our annual Science Fair Awards night and we held two “Terrific Kids” celebrations in November. Mrs. Merchant and I enjoyed making Positive Behavior phone calls to parents every Monday.

Instruction in classrooms has continued to focus on writing mentor sentences and reading two different texts to gain information. Students are striving to master their basic facts of addition and subtraction for the lower grades and multiplication and division for the upper grades. I cannot stress enough how important it is for students to have their basic facts memorized. Knowing these facts improves accuracy and fluency necessary for solving higher level word problems. You can easily make flashcards with your child, have them set a goal, and mark their progress nightly. Contact your child’s teacher for other ideas on how to help memorize those basic facts.

Thank you for your continued support. By working as a team, we can ensure that your child has a successful year. Happy Holidays to you and your family!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Harper, Principal