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Dear Fiest Parents and Guardians,

The staff at Fiest Elementary wants to make this a successful year for your child. Your active support and cooperation, combined with our best professional effort, will ensure academic success for your child. It is extremely important that students are on time to school and are here for the duration of the day so as not to miss organization for the day, the full lesson, opportunities to practice new skills with the help of the teacher, small group instruction and learning, social skills, community circles, and lesson reviews and vital literacy and numeracy learning. Being consistently late or repeatedly checked out early not only impacts their learning, but also that of others. Please help your child by making sure that they are here when the day begins by 8:35 and remains in school until the end of the school day at 4:10. We value learning time and want to make the most of all of the time we have with your child. Every minute counts, lost minutes means lost learning.

A table outlining the impact of lost learning has been included below for your information.

When your child misses just...	That equals ...	which is ...	... and therefore, from Kindergarten to 12th grade is...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
½ hour each day	½ day of learning each week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning
1 hour each day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly 1 grading period	Over 2 ½ years of learning

I look forward to our year together and to a continued partnership with the school and our families. WE ARE ONE!

With kind regards,

Jeanette Gerault, Ed.D.

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