



## *Malden Public Schools*

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Dear Ferryway Families,

I can't believe that spring is fast approaching and that we are almost half way through quarter 3!! Time is certainly flying by quickly!

Tomorrow, we are celebrating **Read Across America** with **guest readers** in grades kindergarten through grade 4, a **class photo** with our very own **Cat in the Hat**, and with a **staff recorded story** of **Oh The Places You'll Go!** Please ask your child some fun facts about Dr. Seuss!

Students have begun their second **enrichment course** of the year. Please ask your child what they are learning this session!

**Quarter 3 Progress Reports** will be coming home March 21. Please make sure you review the report and talk to your child about his/her areas of strength and areas for improvement. If you have questions, please contact your child's teacher. Students need a strong partnership between school and home!

Next month, please remember that we will again be participating in the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC). As with MCAS, students, parents, and teachers will receive performance results. The school uses that information to help identify students' strengths and weaknesses. This year, the PARCC will have one testing window: **April 25-June 6**. Students in grades 5 and 8 will also be taking the Science & Technology **MCAS** on **May 10-16**. Student attendance is extremely important. Teachers are working extremely hard to learn and prepare students for the computer-based test!

***Attendance Policy- Please make sure that you have reviewed it!***

\*We are monitoring excused and unexcused absences very carefully. **School attendance is essential** for a successful year.

The PTO is in need of parent volunteers! Please join us at the next **PTO meeting** which is **Tuesday, March 8** at 6:30 in the Ferryway library. We need you!!

Please join me at my next **"Parent Coffee"** session which is Friday, March 11 at 8:15. Hope to see you there!

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Sincerely,

Ms. Gordon, Principal

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