



*"Children are made readers on the laps of their parents." - Emilie Buchwald*

Dear Carnelian Family,

It was such a joy to celebrate Trimester Awards in person and have our first in person Flag Assemblies on campus in over 20 months! Parents, extended family, and friends gathered with us on multiple occasions during the first week of December to celebrate the learning and achievements of our outstanding students at Carnelian. Thank you to Mrs. Moon and Mrs. Evans for your leadership with our Student Senate and for helping us to get back on track with in person Flag Assemblies. We were also honored to have Mr. Spezialy back to help us celebrate and lead our school in "Be Safe! Be Kind! Be Proud!" Thank you to PTA for bringing back some fun events for our families and for honoring and recognizing our young artists who participated in the PTA Reflections Art Contest.

As we approach the winter break and the new year, I would ask you to consider the tradition of New Year's Resolutions with your children. Our children are developing habits that will last a lifetime. We always want to encourage them to establish good habits and break bad habits. Goal setting, or resolutions, are part of that process. Some suggestions for resolutions are reading goals, AR points, exercise or athletic goals, chores, such as making their bed daily, or other areas that your child wants to strive for improvement. I find it easier to commit to a 30 day challenge, rather than a whole year. Often, after doing something for 30 days, we are well on our way to creating a new habit. Also, please encourage your child to take time to read during our breaks from school. It is always good to have conversations about what your child is reading, ask questions along the way, and see if they may have predictions about what will happen in the text. These strategies help students to build their comprehension skills and become stronger readers.

I want to remind you all that we have an ambitious word count goal at Carnelian. As of today we are at 46,673,190 words as a school. That is 47% of our annual goal of 100,000,000 words. I am very proud of our first five millionaires: Stehpanie Chorba, Noah Coleman, Mykl London, Arianna Chorba and Charlotte Li. Let's keep up the great work!

December will be a busy 3 weeks with school, but I hope that you all take time to create happy memories together as a family over the upcoming break. May your household be filled with peace, joy and love throughout this holiday season and always! Thanks so much for partnering with us and supporting us as we do all that we can to enhance the lives of our students.

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