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#### Special points of interest:

- Student Cell Phone Policy
- Open House
- Grandparents' Day is 9/12
- Labor Day - No School 9/6
- PTA

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### IMPORTANT DATES TO KEEP IN MIND

- Please be aware that there is no school on Monday, September 6th. Miami-Dade County Public Schools will be closed in observation of the Labor Day Holiday.
- Grandparents' Day is celebrated on Sunday, September 12th. Remember parents, have your children spend some quality time with their grandparents and thank them for all they do for your children throughout the year. This is their special day, so do something nice for Grandma and/or Grandpa—they will appreciate it!

### OPEN HOUSE

Please join us on Thursday, September 2, 2010 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. for our annual Open House. Come meet your child's teacher and find out about all the wonderful things going on at Henry E.S. Reeves Elementary.



### ATTENDANCE COUNTS (NEVER BEEN ABSENT- NBA)

One of our goals at Henry E.S. Reeves Elementary is to increase student attendance. Statistics show that academic achievement is correlated to school attendance. We will be promoting attendance all year round, and will reward students with incentives donated by our Dade Partners and PTA. However, parents we need your support in an effort to make this work. Only with your assistance will we succeed at reaching our goal of increasing by 1 % attendance during this school year. Students are acknowledged each nine weeks for never being absent.

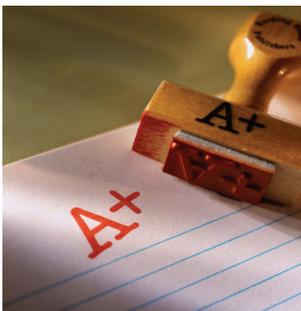
### CHARACTER EDUCATION

The Character Education theme for September is **Responsibility Month**. Responsibility means thinking before you act and being accountable for your actions, paying attention to others, and responding to their needs. Responsibility emphasizes our positive obligations to care for each other. Thank you parents for your assistance in reinforcing the Character Education themes at home.

**“Well done is better than well said.”**

Quote By:

Benjamin Franklin



## SIMPLE STRATEGIES FOR CREATING STRONG READERS

- Through reading aloud, providing print materials, and promoting positive attitudes about reading and writing, you can have a powerful impact on your child's literacy and learning.
- Invite your child to read with you every day.
- When reading a book where the print is large, point word by word as you read. This will help your child learn that reading goes from left to right and understand that the word said is the word seen.
- Read your child's favorite book over and over.
- Read many stories with rhyming words and repeated lines. Invite your child to join in on these parts. Point, word by word, as your child reads along with you.
- Discuss new words. For example, "This big house is called a palace. Who do you think lives in a palace?"
- Stop and ask about the pictures and about what is happening in the story.
- Read from a variety of children's books, including fairy tales, song books, poems, recipes, newspapers and information books.

*Source: From Reading Tips for parents, U.S. Department of Education*

### SAFETY FIRST

Please try to adhere to all rules for drop-off and pick-up of our children.

Our students' safety and well-being depends on your cooperation!



### CELL PHONE POLICY



Students who bring cellular phones for safety purposes, should remember the cell phones are to remain in their book bags the entire day while on school grounds. Once they leave school grounds they may use the phone. If the cellular phones ring, vibrate, or come out of the book bags and disrupt the teacher's instruction time, the cell phones will be confiscated. If phones are lost, the school will not be responsible. Please see the parent/student handbook for further information.

### PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA)

The PTA plays an essential role in the development and implementation of numerous programs engineered to enhance your child's educational experience. The PTA works with the school's faculty to continually improve curriculum, school resources and extra-curricular activities. You will be receiving a membership form from your child's teacher soon. Please show your support and return the form and \$5 membership fee for your PTA Membership.

A portion of the funds that the PTA collects are allocated to Student Incentives, Honor Roll, Student of the Month, Attendance Celebrations and Recognitions. If you think that your child's education is worth at least an hour a month and want to have a voice in determining your child's development, then I strongly encourage you to join our PTA.