

Mission Statement: The mission of Cherbonnier/Rillieux Elementary School is to educate all children to their fullest potential in a nurturing environment where educators challenge and encourage students to strive for academic and social excellence through teaching and learning.

Parents/Guardians,

I would like to wish each of you a HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! It is my hope that you spent some quality time creating "happy" holiday memories with your children.

As we begin the New Year, Cherbonnier/Rillieux's vision for academic growth and excellence remains our focus and goal. Our plan is to continue providing rigorous instruction and implementing more support through interventions. All of our students will continue receiving small group instruction during regular class time, and some of our students will begin receiving interventions during PE time.

Since our school is a school in decline, it is very important for us to maximize every instructional minute of the school day. This year we did not use Title I funds to offer after school tutoring. Instead, we invested our Title I funds in more resources for the students to use to make instructional activities more engaging. Consequently, this means that we will need parental support!

While making New Year's resolutions, it is my hope and plea that you included making time to help with homework, studying, and attending school events. It is important for you to reinforce what your children learn in school at home. I cannot stress enough how important and beneficial it is for you to ask your children questions about what they are reading and learning. As a school, we are focusing on improving our students' reading comprehension. Often, parents take for granted that their children can read because our students can fluently decode and pronounce words...BUT...Remember the key to reading is the ability to comprehend. So, when you are reviewing homework and helping your children study, make sure that you ask questions to ensure they are comprehending and understanding what they have read.

In closing, I encourage you to make a resolution to BE PRESENT for your children at home and at school. You can be present by asking your children questions about their day and sharing details about your day as well. You can also be present by attending school events. There are many ways that we can BE PRESENT with our children which is the GREATEST GIFT!

Educationally yours,

*C. Menyweather*