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## Dear CES Families:

Happy New Year! CES wishes you and your family a year full of health, peace, and hope.

The quote above reminded me of how important our teachers are to each student in this school. Many things have changed this year yet the impact of a good teacher remains the same. It is the relationships that we share that make us strong. Thank you for all the ways you expressed your appreciation last month. It meant a lot to each and every one of us!

We are approaching the mid point of the year, believe it or not! It is exciting that we are still here together. This time of year is a critical time for learning. The classrooms are functioning well; the students know the routines and are reaching to meet the high expectations of our teachers. January and February are critical months for attendance!

As your principal, I would like to reflect back to you all that attendance has been excellent this first half of the year. I want you each to know that any absences due to COVID are marked as such. At the end of the year, we will send home letters to any family that was absent due to COVID so that you have a record for yourself about how your child's attendance was for this school year. All COVID absences are excused absences.

I have gotten great feedback that it would be helpful to hear news 3 times so I am working to repeat myself in these letters and through the work of my staff as they post to Instagram or Class Dojo.

May this year, 2021, be a year full of hope and health. It is with deep gratefulness that I send you these warm wishes.

Fondly, Miss Cary