



Dear Families,

We all know how important regular attendance is in student achievement. For this reason, please attempt to schedule medical appointments for after school (when possible) and be sure to plan your vacations around our districts' vacation schedule.

When students miss school for non-excused reasons such as family travel, it is often requested that the teacher provide homework ahead of time. This may be a good idea in theory, but it is actually extremely difficult to do, especially as our school works to provide activities that are collaborative, project-based and promote higher level learning. It's not as simple as running a few copies. Another reason why giving homework ahead of time is not effective is that plans adjust daily as the class moves along learning new concepts. Teachers are constantly varying and adjusting the lessons as needs arise. Some "plans" may never come to fruition and others may surpass planning as the class quickly absorbs new material.

For this reason, there will be a folder on your child's desk while he/she is away. Daily work will be added to the folder - the work that will be added is *work that will be graded*. Labs, projects, writing assignments, lessons taught with manipulatives, etc. are just missed and cannot be recreated without being in the classroom. When your child returns, the teacher will go over the work in the folder with him/her.

Per district policy, two days are allowed to make up every one day of school that is missed. So if a student misses four days of school, the work would be due eight days after returning to school.

As a school, we absolutely encourage a lot of reading and journaling. If the internet is available, students can go onto online resources each day as well (e.g. Compass Learning, Dreambox, Razz Kids, Zearn, etc.). Please also remember to contact the Solana Ranch Office to let the office staff know that your child will be missing school.

For more information on Solana Beach School District's Absence and Tardy Policy, please see the following link:

[Click here for Attendance Policy](#)

Thank you for always doing such a phenomenal job at being such supportive parents that put education as a top priority!

Sincerely,
Jerry Jones