Parents and Friends,

November 11th is Veterans day and I would first like to take this opportunity to personally thank our Tayac community Veterans for your dedicated service to the United States Armed Forces. I am the staff at Tayac are grateful for your service to protect our country’s freedom.

The first quarter report cards are scheduled to go home on via Family Portal on November 19th. If you have not signed up for Family Portal, please do so. Our staff is working diligently with our students to support academic success during this time of virtual learning. I would like to remind you to continue to read with your children, and practice basic facts drills….it does make a difference!

I would like to thank you for all of your support of Tayac Elementary. Our staff is committed to all of our students’ success and we appreciate your continued assistance. I wish each and everyone of our families a joyous Thanksgiving this year.

Educationally yours,
Dr. Carr

Mark Your Calendar!

Nov. 6 2 Hour Early Dismissal (11:55 am)
Nov. 19 Report Cards Released via Family Portal
Nov. 25-27 No School Thanksgiving Break
Greetings Tayac family,

Now that November is here, there are so many awesome things that are taking place. It is a time for reflect on the many favors that have been given to us. This month we celebrate National Education Week. Students will have counselor lessons on the importance of boundaries during counselor sessions. Have a happy Thanksgiving.

Ms. Ndaka

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**FROM OUR MATH COORDINATOR**

**Growth Mindset in Math**

In general, a growth mindset is the belief that intelligence and 'smartness' can also be learned and that the brain grows from experience and effort. The opposite, a fixed mindset, is the idea that you are smart, or you are not. In math, that translates into “some people are good at math, and some are not.”

Did you know that praising efforts rather than intelligence or results can impact your child’s ability to persevere in challenges? The goal is to have children thrive on challenges and see failures, not as a sign of low intelligence, but as a learning opportunity. Brain research tells us that making mistakes actually wires more connections into the brain! When a person has a growth mindset, they accept challenges, see their efforts as worthwhile, and are open to learning from mistakes. Students with a growth mindset achieve at higher levels than those with fixed mindsets. How can you help your child? Some simple ways:

- Adding “yet” when they claim they are “not good at this” (Respond: “You are not good at this yet.”)
- Ask questions that focus on their effort and choices and get them to reflect on satisfaction of that effort (e.g. What did you learn today? What mistake did you make that taught you something? What did you try hard at today?)

Model this yourself as you share about your day.

Ms. Rafael
Don’t Leave Home without It!

Take children’s books and writing materials with you whenever you leave home. This gives your child fun activities to entertain and occupy him while traveling and going to the doctor’s office or other appointments.

Ms. Deese

Are you concerned about how your children see, hear, move, talk, learn, or their behavior?

The State of Maryland, as required by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), attempts to locate, identify, and evaluate all children with disabilities at no cost to families. The process of locating, identifying, and evaluating infants and toddlers ages birth to 3 is the responsibility of the Infants and Toddlers Program in each Maryland jurisdiction (Prince George’s County -301-925-1985). Infants and toddlers with delays or disabilities may be eligible for early intervention services. These services are designed to enhance a child’s potential for growth and development and to promote the ability of families to meet the special needs of their children.

The process of locating, identifying, and evaluating children ages 3 to 21 is the responsibility of Child Find (301-925-6600). You may also contact the school if you suspect a disability and your child attends Tayac Elementary School. Children with disabilities may be eligible for special education and related services (for example, speech therapy, physical therapy, or occupational therapy).

Ms. Chandler