

## POLICY REGARDING INDEPENDENT STUDY CONTRACTS AND ABSENCES

Attendance is one of the key factors in the overall academic and social success of our children. We highly encourage your child to attend school unless your child is ill, has medical appointments, or has a major family emergency. Vacations and family trips are considered unexcused.

On occasion, for trips over five days, we had previously provided an Independent Study Contract for students. This practice will no longer be an option as of January 1, 2012. As much as we understand and acknowledge the benefits of travel and vacations, these types of absences will be considered unexcused. Please do all you can to minimize and/or eliminate vacation and travel during school time, unless it is considered serious and out of your direct control. Feel free to contact the office if you have any questions.