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**"A Promise to Prepare For Tomorrow."**

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**George C. Albano, Principal**

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Dear Parents/Guardian:

There is no doubt that peer relationships begin to increase in importance and influence during the early years of the elementary school. Parents must provide their influence as role models and sources of advice for their child during the elementary years. Parents must be a valuable source of support to their child.

The following suggestions are provided to assist your efforts to be active WEC parents.

1. Contact your child's teachers if you have class-related concerns. Open Communication between home and school is an important vehicle for solving any problem.
2. Assist your child in making appropriate decisions and to accept responsibility for his/her own actions. A periodic review of the Code of Conduct is a practical way to assist this effort.
3. Check your child's homework daily for important assignments and communications. Provide time and a quiet place at home for homework and study to be completed. Students always have an assignment to write, read or study.
4. If you have family or school issues that may be impacting school performance or are causing you concern, please contact our Home School Counselor, Ms. Doria, Ext. 1223 for assistance. Our school will make appropriate suggestions and will work with your child and his/her teachers.

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The following are seven good practices for parents as provided by the U.S. Department of Education:

Take a time inventory to find the extra time you need so the family can:

1. Learn together. Commit yourself to learning something with your children.
2. Commit yourself to high standards and set high expectations for your children.
3. Challenge them in every way possible to reach their full potential.
4. Limit television viewing on a school night. That means that the remote control may have to disappear on occasion.
5. Read **together**. Reading is the starting point of all learning.
6. Make sure your child goes to school everyday.

Elementary education is wonderful experience for all members of the school community, especially parents. It should effectively serve as a link between home and school while meeting the needs of our emerging children. If I can help to make this school year more meaningful for you and your child, please do not hesitate to contact my office. I encourage you to become an active WEC parent and to share fully in this educational experience with your child and our staff.

Sincerely,

*George Albano*

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