Hello Hornet Families,

Within our SEL classes, students are engaged in a book study that we refer to as One School, One Book. In sixth grade, students are reading <u>One for the Murphy's</u>, in 7th grade, they are reading <u>Fish in a Tree</u>, and in 8th grade students are reading <u>Restart</u>. These are all inspiring stories of adolescents that help us visualize the importance of our decision-making and recognize opportunities for resilience. Talk with your child about the experiences of Carley (6th), Ally (7th), and Chase (8th) to learn about the lessons they are grasping from getting to know these characters!

Our Pre-Break IXL Leaderboard Challenge will continue this week, through next Sunday, March 24 @ 8:00pm. Students who master the most skills will earn treats! Be sure to schedule time each night for your child to work on IXL reading and math. Vocabulary skills practice, equations, ratios and proportions, and functions are all needed areas of practice.

Our soccer teams will play at home this week against Northeast on Monday and Whitewater on Wednesday. Then on Thursday, our track team will compete at Mint Hill Middle School. Games begin at 5:00. Students must go home on their regular mode of transportation and return with a parent who will accompany them throughout the course of the match. Students with ISS or OSS assignments within the past 30 days are ineligible to attend. No bags are allowed.

Third round benchmarks will begin this Friday with 8th grade science. Then, next week, we will test across all grade levels on Monday for ELA and Tuesday for Math. All students must be in attendance for testing because studies show students perform best when tested during the general testing session.

I am still asking for 100% attendance and that early dismissals be reserved for emergencies only. All students need to be in school, on time, all day on every school day. As a reminder, students who have excessive absences and are recommended for retention may be held back in their current grade for next school year.

Have you delivered your donation to Clothes Bin on ARMS' campus? Items you are not using any more, including clothing, under garments, handbags footwear, accessories, and linens, please don't throw them away! Every pound of items goes to support Albemarle Road Middle! Thank you in advance for your donations.

Remember to follow us on ParentSquare, Instagram (@arms.ib.academy) and Facebook (Albemarle Road Middle Academy) for the latest updates!

See you Monday, Hornets!