



Dear NRHEG Elementary Families,

Greetings! I hope that this message finds you and your family well. This is a busy time at NRHEG Elementary School as we look ahead to beginning the fourth and final quarter of school.

As I have the opportunity to visit classrooms throughout the day, I am able to observe our curriculum at all elementary levels. This year it has been exciting to see our teachers and students implement the *Bridges in Mathematics* program in grades Kindergarten-Fifth Grade. Our staff has been impressed with the program and especially appreciate the mathematical thinking and discussion that makes up the program.

You may ask yourself, "What will students do in math class?" There are 8 units of study at each grade level. Each unit includes 20 lessons and takes approximately 4 weeks to complete. Each lesson takes a single class period. In addition to the main lesson of the day, students also work on their skills in 15 to 20 minute Number Corner exercises, many of which are games.

As part of a *Bridges In Mathematics* classroom our students:

- *Play an active role in their own learning and the classroom community at their grade level.
- *Talk about math by sharing observations, explaining their thinking, and asking questions.
- *Use hands-on activities and a variety of math tools and visual models to understand how the different mathematical concepts work.
- *Build stamina for solving complex problems that require perseverance.
- *Play games in small groups to practice what they learn.

As we finish this week up, please take time to rest and enjoy your family. We will look forward to seeing all of our elementary students back in school on Tuesday, April 6. Enjoy the spring break!

Sincerely,
Mr. Anderson



~CALENDAR REMINDERS~

Wednesday, March 31

End of Quarter Three

Students Dismissed at 12:30/12:50 p.m.

Thursday, April 1

No School For Students-Teacher Work Day

Friday, April 2-Monday, April 5

No School For Students/Staff-Spring Break

Thursday, April 8

Report Cards Emailed to Families

Friday, April 30

This Will Be A Full Day of School

**There Will Be No Early Release As Shown On the
Original
School Calendar**



Do you have an old desktop computer or laptop that you would like to donate? During Tech Time, some of the elementary students will be "dissecting" computers to learn about how they work. If you happen to have a device that you would like to get rid of, please contact Kathy Meyer by April 19: kmeyer@nrheg.k12.mn.us or 507-416-2119

