



# December Family Update

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ADM Families,

Happy holidays from all of us at ADM Schools. We hope you have a great time with family and friends over the break. I hope you can take a few minutes to read through this month's edition of the Family Update. We are excited to have our school calendar set for 2023-24, and our facility master planning efforts got underway this month. Our preschool achievement data is showing remarkable growth, and we hope families take advantage of our student assistance program if needed. As always, we are humbled by the responsibility we have in educating your children. Thank you for trusting us with your children!



## **2023-24 ADM Academic Calendar Approved**

On Monday night, the ADM Board of Education approved the 2023-24 academic and staff calendars. All elements of the approved calendar remain the same as what was shared with families and staff with the exception that commencement will remain on Sunday afternoon. The draft calendar had included a proposal to move commencement from Sunday afternoon to Friday evening starting with the class of 2024. Based on survey feedback, commencement will remain on Sunday afternoon. Use the following link to view the approved 2023-24 ADM Academic Calendar.

[Click To View: 2023-24 ADM Academic Calendar](#)



## **Facility Master Planning**

The Board-Approved Facility Master Planning Committee met for their first meeting last Monday, December 5. At the first meeting, the committee reviewed the facility assessments recently completed by FRK and began to prioritize needs of existing facilities that need to be addressed in order maximize experiences and opportunities for students in a safe and modern learning environment.

The Facility Master Planning Committee will meet for their second meeting on January 16. At this meeting, the committee will begin to review enrollment projections, capacity projections, and will start the process of identifying and prioritizing future facility needs and grade configuration implications in order to maximize experiences and opportunities

for students in a safe and modern learning environment.

ADM community members can keep up-to-date about the facility master planning process, view the facility assessment report completed by FRK, and view committee meeting slides and documents by visiting the following website:

[Click To View: ADM's Facility Master Planning Website](#)

## A Focus On Learning and Results: **Preschool IGDIs**

Travis Wilkins, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning and Communication

**Individual Growth and Development Indicators Assessment:** ADM's preschool program uses the IGDIs assessment to measure the development and readiness of preschool students in the following areas of literacy development:

- **Picture Naming:** A measurement of oral language
- **Rhyming:** A measurement of phonological awareness
- **Sound Identification:** A measurement of alphabetic awareness
- **Which One Doesn't Belong:** A measurement of comprehension
- **Alliteration:** A measurement of phonological awareness

The two most predictive measures of the IGDIs assessment related to future student success in reading are "Picture Naming" and "Sound Identification" and the assessment is administered three times each year to measure the progress of students.

The following are ADM's preschool's winter scores from last year compared to this year - represented by the % of students making "strong progress" during the winter assessment.

Winter IDGI Results: % of Students Making Strong Progress		
	2021-22	2022-23
Picture Naming	29%	71%
Rhyming	46%	66%
Sound Identification	46%	85%
WODB	67%	85%
Alliteration	17%	39%

The percent of ADM's preschool students making "strong progress" has significantly increased when compared to the % of preschool students making strong progress at the same time last year. This data represents significant focus and effort on the part of ADM's preschool teachers and students.

### **Reminder: Student Assistance Program**

ADM has partnered with Employee and Family Resources (EFR) to provide a formal Student Assistance Program (SAP). ADM's Student Assistance Program is confidential, free, and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Please read the following overview for more information about this important and FREE program: [ADM Student Assistance Program](#)

### **ADM's Wildly Important Goal (WIG)**

ADM's WIG is to decrease PK-11 grade students identified as "not yet proficient" in reading on the identified grade level state assessment from 18% to 10% by June 1, 2023. This goal continues to focus our efforts related to professional development, professional learning communities, and a relentless pursuit of meeting our mission. Each month the ADM Board of Education receives updates related to ADM's WIG. Use the following links to access recent Board Reports related to our WIG: [August](#), [September](#), [October](#), [November](#), [December](#).

Have a great week!

Sincerely,  
Greg Dufoe  
ADM Superintendent