

A Note From Mr. Krause (Nenana City School Principal)
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The 2007-2008 school year is off to a fast start. Nenana City School students are already off their “summer schedule” and on their Nenana School “work schedule”. Our theme for the year is ***Rigor, Accountability, and Preparation for the Real World.***

We want students to know that they don’t ***get*** an education; they ***EARN*** an education. Just as their parents or guardians ***earn*** money when they go to work, students ***earn*** their education by working at school.

Thomas Jefferson said, “I’m a believer in luck and I find the harder I work, the more I have of it.” ***Earning*** an education is rigorous. It’s hard work.

Mignon McLaughlin stated, “Character is what emerges from all the little things you were too busy to do yesterday, but did anyway”. Students who attend Nenana City School are held accountable for working hard. They need to do ***attend*** school everyday, be ***on time*** to class, ***pay attention*** to instruction, and ***produce*** quality work that is ***delivered*** on time. There’s an old saying that, “God gives every bird its food, but He does not throw it into its nest!”

As someone else has said, “Many of the great achievements of the world were accomplished by people who were tired and discouraged, but kept on working.” ***We all*** get tired and discouraged sometimes. However, we don’t quit; we keep working. This is what we need Nenana City School students to learn in order to be prepared to function in the real world.

We are planning on providing a GREAT school year for Nenana students! Our students are going to continue to learn the value of rigor and accountability in order to be prepared for the real world. They will begin to learn the true meaning of the Chinese saying, “***Man stands for long time with mouth open before roast duck flies in***”.