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Dear Parents,

Amazingly, September has come to a close here at Helen Keller and our students are now well into the learning year. Starting today a new online resource will be available to parents that we believe is going to have a positive impact on student learning. Skyward Family Access is an online grade book, including assignments, due dates, and grades for students.

The purpose of Family Access is for families to be able to access student information, including absences and grades on class assignments and activities. This is a new system for both teachers and parents, and we are hopeful that it will be a convenient way for you to keep up to date on your child's progress in class. You will be able to track your student's progress at any time of the year.

Access to this information will be through the Parent Access System. You will need to go to the district website and register for this service. Parent Access also provides e-mail links to your student's emergency contact information that is on file with the school; the ability to check the balance of your child's lunch account and make deposits to the account; a way to check attendance; and view immunizations.

Parent Access allows us to provide timely, regular, clear, and precise feedback to parents and students. Please be aware that different grade levels will have different policies for postings of grades. On the back side of the paper copy of this letter sent home with students is a detailed note from your student's grade-level team explaining how they plan to post grades in the Skyward system. Please take the time to read this important information. If you have any questions regarding your student's grades, please contact your child's teacher.

Lastly, parent/student conferences are coming up on Oct. 21, 22, and 25. On conferences days a sack lunch will be provided for those buying lunch and school will dismiss at noon. More information about these important conferences will be coming from teachers later in the month.

This is a busy time of the school year and I encourage you to check the school website for updates and important information.

Sincerely,

Tim Stonich, Principal