

Tips for When the “Honeymoon” Ends!

So many of our kids start the school year off strong and then once the newness and excitement of a school year wear off students start to struggle. It can be overwhelming as a parent to know what steps to take and where to begin. Here are some simple tips to help you through the process. Remember, you don't have to do it alone!

- Don't wait until the honeymoon is over! Remember, dealing with things before they escalate is always better!
- Make sure you always have some positive communications with teachers and staff from the beginning- this can go a long way towards positive action if things start to escalate.
- Make sure you ALWAYS follow up with staff on anything your child reports (or a friend tells you). Don't assume that things are always reported exactly the way they occurred.
- Don't panic!!
- Remember, there will be good days and bad days.
- Be proactive. Set up meetings with the team before things get tough.
- Don't let your concerns impact your child's feelings about school
- Have specific questions/and concerns ready when meeting with staff
- Focus on solutions
- Stay away from the “blame game”
- Remember- change takes time