It's hard to believe we are already into November and the end of the first grading snapshot. As the official first "quarter" has come to an end, we are reaching out with some of the information we shared at the beginning of this year about our grading and reporting.

All of our classes are once again operating on a cumulative rolling gradebook. With a rolling gradebook, grades for individual assignments from each quarter carry over and build upon the previous quarter; therefore, quarter grades are a snapshot of a student's current progress in the course and demonstrate performance to that date, not just for that quarter. The grade at the end of the year in a rolling gradebook is designed to represent the student's knowledge and ability at the end of the year, rather than an average of their performance over the entire year. More information can be here.

Benefits associated with using a rolling gradebook include:

- Allows time for demonstrating mastery of content and opportunities for remediation, completing make-up work & reassessments
- Helps students maintain positive mental health when setbacks occur
- Reports long-term progress to students as the year progresses, not just short-term achievement in each quarter
- Provides a more accurate reflection of the student grade at any given point in time
- Reduces number of tests or large projects due at the same time over multiple classes (usually at end of quarter)
- Negates imbalance of quantity of assessments within each quarter and timing challenges at certain times of year
- Encourages content units to end naturally and not get rushed due to quarter breaks

As a reminder, starting Wednesday, November 9, parents are able to view student grades through <u>ParentVue</u>. Thank you for all the support you have given your student this school year.