



Dear Moreno Families,

Welcome to September at Moreno AVID Academy! I am excited to continue the school year together and build on the strong start we've had in August. This month, our focus is on the first part of our school-wide GRIT theme: **G is for Growth**. Students will be learning how to set meaningful goals, celebrate progress, and use growth-minded language when facing challenges.

#### This Month's Theme: GRIT — G is for Growth

At Moreno AVID Academy, we are focusing on the first part of our GRIT theme: **Growth**. Growth means trying new strategies, learning from mistakes, and celebrating progress along the way. When students learn to keep going, even when things feel tough, they build confidence and resilience that will help them both in school and in life.

A great conversation starter at home: *"What's something you can do now that you couldn't do last month?"*

#### Helping Your Child Set & Track Goals

Goal-setting is a powerful way for children to take ownership of their learning. Here's a simple routine you can try together at home:

1. **Pick one small goal** (1–2 weeks). Example: read 15 minutes each night.
2. **Make it measurable**. "I will read 5 nights this week."
3. **Choose the strategy**. "I'll set a timer at 7:00 p.m. each night."
4. **Track progress daily**. Use a chart on the fridge or in the agenda.
5. **Celebrate success**. Praise effort, persistence, and growth.

#### Using Growth Language at Home

The words we use can shape how children see themselves as learners. Try these simple swaps to encourage a growth mindset:

Instead of...	Try saying...
"You're so smart."	"I noticed how much effort you put into that."
"You're just not a math person."	"Math takes practice. Let's find a strategy that works for you."
"Don't make mistakes."	"Mistakes help your brain grow. What did we learn?"
"This is too hard."	"This is challenging now, what's a first step?"
"I can't do it."	"You can't do it yet. Let's break it into parts."

Encouraging growth at home reinforces what students are learning at school and helps them develop the confidence to keep trying, even when challenges come their way.

#### Attendance Matters

At Moreno AVID Academy, we believe that **every day counts** because learning builds one day at a time. When students attend regularly and arrive on time, they start the day ready to learn and don't miss out on important instruction. Please help your child succeed by ensuring they are at school each day and seated in their classroom **by 7:30 a.m. sharp**.

To celebrate and encourage great attendance, we have several fun incentives in place:

- **Weekly:** Classes with the highest attendance are recognized at our All-School Zoom Rally and students earn special *"Pawsitive" PBIS tickets*.
- **Monthly:** The class with the best attendance earns the honor of keeping *"Roary"*, our school mascot, in their classroom for the month and enjoys an extra recess.

- **Trimester:** Students who achieve **perfect attendance** are invited to a special **Attendance Incentive Assembly** to celebrate their commitment.

Thank you for taking the time to read our September newsletter and for partnering with us in your child's education. We encourage you to stay connected, join us at upcoming events, check your child's agenda and binder regularly, and reach out if you ever have questions or ideas.

Let's continue to model GRIT, Growth, Resilience, Ignore the urge to quit, and Take the time to do it right, so our students see the power of perseverance both at school and at home. We look forward to an amazing month of learning and growth at Moreno AVID Academy!

With appreciation,

**Kimberly Martindale**

*Principal, Moreno AVID Academy*

#### IMPORTANT DATES:

**Sep 1:** NO SCHOOL – Labor Day

**Sep 2:** Coffee and Conversation with the Principal at 7:30AM in G6

**Sep 6:** AMA (Saturday School)

**Sep 10:** SELPAC Meeting at 2:30PM in G6

**Sep 17:** Special Education Parent Meeting at 2:30PM in G6

**Sep 24:** Disneyland Day-Dress as your favorite Disney character or dress as a tourist going to Disneyland. School Site Council Meeting at 2:30PM in G6.

**Sept 25:** September Recognition Assembly: 10:00-10:45 TK-3<sup>rd</sup> and 1:20-2:14 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>.

**Sep 27:** AMA (Saturday School)

