Scripts for Teachers

Vance Village Elementary School in New Britain, Connecticut, reduced its chronic absence rate from 24 to 7 percent in a single year. One of the approaches Principal Sarah Harris used was a monthly robocall from teachers to students in their classes. Here are two samples.

"Hello My Wonderful Kindergarten Friends, this is TEACHER’S NAME your teacher calling.

I cannot wait to see you in school today. We have many fun things planned.

We have a new story in reading today that I cannot wait to share with you.

We are looking forward to a great day! You do not want to miss it!

See you at TIME if (message is sent in morning) See you tomorrow (if message is sent out the night before) Hugs and Smiles, TEACHER’s NAME

Good Morning Boys and Girls,

This is TEACHER’S NAME calling to remind you to come to school for TIME today.

We will be starting a new unit on TOPIC today.

We also have a special treat.

We want our class to have 100% student attendance.

It is going to be a super day in school. See you soon.

Love,

TEACHER’S NAME