



Dear Families-

Here are some things that you need to know to begin our year.

Each Primary student will receive a new Chromebook laptop but they have not arrived yet. Our goal would be to teach students how to use the Chromebooks, Class Dojo, and other required programs **BEFORE** we send them home.

We will be using Class Dojo this year. You should have already received an invitation from me to create a parent account. Once your parent account is created we will set up your students with a student account. This student account will be the link for assignments, work completion, and general classroom information including messaging. Classwork and assignments will begin once students have learned how to use the Chromebooks.

DreamBox for Math and Lexia for Reading will be a required expectation for all students this year. They will need to complete several lessons each week. We will teach children how to use those programs as well.

For the first couple of weeks Primary teachers will be sending home hard copies of work for review and for social emotional activities. This work will be completed on remote days. Students will have a green pocket folder that they will use all year to bring back and forth to school. We will make a plan for work to be returned to school for remote only students. Once we are in full swing, students will be using the portfolio section of Class Dojo to submit work. Google meets will be scheduled through the Class Story feature in Class Dojo.

Classroom supplies will be provided by the school. Each student will have a clear pouch pack with supplies. The pouch pack contains 2 pencils, an eraser, markers, a dry erase marker, scissors and a glue stick. Children will be responsible for taking care of materials and making sure they have supplies with them for all school times. We cannot share materials so it is very important it returns back to school after remote days.

Teachers are going to work hard to complete mandated curriculum assessments during the first weeks of school. We are working on ways to do these assessments in person and remotely. It will be VERY important for us to know how students are performing within the grade level expectations.

There are still things that we are working to figure out and we expect there will be changes as we move forward. We will be working with remote only learners and hybrid learners. We will work together and be flexible through the days to come.

Please DO NOT HESITATE to reach out to me. The fastest easiest way is to send it a message through Class Dojo, so please make sure to set up your parent account. If you need assistance with this please call the school and we will figure it out together! I will also be available on Wednesdays to meet with parents who would like an in person session to set up accounts! Call the school to schedule this!

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