



Dear Families-

We are about to embark on a new adventure: Hybrid and Remote instruction! 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 your link or a message to login into the Class Dojo for your child. Class Dojo will be the link for assignments, work completion, and general classroom information including messaging. Menus and assignments will begin once students have learned how to use the Chromebooks. Students will be expected to post completed assignments to their portfolio once we get up and running.

DreamBox for Math and Lexia and EPIC 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 before they are expected to use them independently.

It is imperative that our families encourage their students to work as independently as possible at home. We know it is difficult to stop ourselves from helping our children, but figuring things out is an exciting part of the learning experience! Our collective goal as educators and families is to create independent thinkers, let's give them lots of opportunities to problem solve. We also need to know where your student might be struggling in order to give them more specific support and instruction!

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. They will be provided with an 8 pocket folder that they will use all year to bring back and forth to school.

We will also 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. There will be additional expectations for the REMOTE ONLY students based on the school activities and learning that takes place on their cohort days.

Classroom supplies are not in yet. We have ordered supply boxes for every student. Your child will be receiving a supply box, pencils, eraser, twistables, markers, scissors and a glue stick. Children will be responsible for taking care of materials and making sure they have them with them for all school times. All students will have a special bag that they will use to transport materials back and forth.

Please remind your child they need to bring both their 8 pocket folder and their supplies every day of in-person school times. As we are no longer allowed to share materials, it is very important our students have the materials they need to learn.

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 any one of us. The fastest easiest way is to send it a message through Class Dojo. We will get back to you as soon as possible.

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