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“Education is a shared commitment between dedicated teachers, motivated students and enthusiastic parents with high expectations.”

–Bob Beauprez

The importance of teamwork has never been greater than it is right now. In order for students to be successful during this unprecedented time, we need to work together to meet their needs. We ask that you fully engage in this process with your student. Many of us work full time and we know that this will be difficult, but it is important that we make this commitment to our children in order to help them be successful. We are here to support our students and your family, so please reach out with any questions or concerns that you may have. We ARE Jaguar Strong and we will all come out of this as better learners, better teachers and overall better Jaguars.

How will my student learn?: Students will be participating in both synchronous and asynchronous learning activities. Synchronous instruction is similar to on campus learning. This is your two way interaction between the students and the teacher. Live instruction occurs during this time. Asynchronous instruction occurs when students are self paced and engaged in learning activities provided by their classroom teacher or via digital content. Google classroom will be used for instruction in every grade level this year. Teachers will provide direct instruction 3xday in accordance with the schedule below. Specials will also be woven into each day (schedule to be provided soon).

Schedule:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

9:40 Morning Meeting (Mandatory Attendance)

10:00 Subject 1

11:00 – 12:30 – Independent Learning & Lunch

12:30: Subject 2

1:30: Subject 3

2:30: Subject 4

3:40: Dismissal

Wednesday

9:40 Morning Meeting (Mandatory Attendance)

10:00 Subject 1

11 – 12:30 – Independent Learning & Lunch

12:30: Subject 2

1:30: Subject 3

2:10: Early Dismissal

Student Responsibilities: Students are responsible for their learning. We ask that students do the following in order to create a successful environment.

- Establish daily routines to engage in learning activities
- Fully participate in Google Meets following norms provided by teachers



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- Check Google Classroom regularly and complete all assignments (synchronous and asynchronous)
- Take pride in your learning and have fun!

Family Responsibilities: As elementary students, our Jaguars will be looking to you for support in many areas. We ask that you help your student(s) in the following ways:

- Create a quiet and comfortable space in the home for your student to learn and study
- Help create routines for daily engagement in Google Meets and classroom assignments
- Monitor participation and completion of assignments
- Effectively communicate with your child's teacher and the school (check Class Dojo daily)
- Encourage your student and support their academic and social/emotional growth

AVID: As a school, we are continuing down the AVID road. Each student will receive an AVID binder to help with organization. During remote learning, please ensure that you help your child keep that binder organized. Students will also set goals and reflect on those goals throughout the year. Students will continue to work on focused note taking and will be introduced to Costa's Levels of Questioning. We will continue to utilize AVID strategies and promote college and career readiness as well. AVID helps to strengthen our instruction as well as the outcomes we see.

Social-Emotional Support: As a school, we pride ourselves in valuing the whole child as well as each family. We are a KIDS AT HOPE school, which means that every staff member believes that ALL students are capable of success...No exceptions! Part of being successful means staying socially and emotionally healthy. Our teachers will continue with morning meetings and our full time counselor, Ms. Escobedo, is available for support as well. Please call us to set up an appointment with Ms. Escobedo if your student needs a little extra support during this time.

Attendance: Please know that student attendance DOES count in the remote learning environment. Students are expected to attend daily Google Meets for each subject and complete assignments provided by the teacher. Attendance will be tracked and truancy rules do still apply. Please contact the school with any questions in regards to attendance.

Grading: Students will earn grades based on their participation and assignments and projects completed. This will look similar to pre-Covid grading. Parents are encouraged to regularly check ParentVue to monitor student academic progress.



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