

Students,

As we navigate through these uncharted waters of online distance learning, there are a few things I want to clarify and let you know. But first, let's all take a deep breath - this home learning is new to all of us :)

I would like to make our Home Learning Plan as simple as possible for you. I will plan on using learning platforms that are familiar to the students. While these learning platforms may not be familiar to parents, they will be for the student.

I suggest creating a designated spot in your home with limited distractions to stay organized. This should be where all the school materials are kept. This includes the student's hard copy materials, supplies, and Chromebook. Make sure there is good lighting for video conferencing!

Although our classroom will look a little different, it will still function in many of the same ways. We will continue to be responsible, safe, productive, and respectful. Students should follow these expectations:

Be Responsible:

Don't lose technology

Be careful holding and walking with technology devices

Charge technology devices every day

Be Safe:

Only use safe sites

Be Productive:

Focus on task

Stay on sites allowed

Be Respectful:

Follow rules

No cyberbullying

Be school appropriate

Our school day will start at 8:30 AM. Students need to be at their computers, prepared with their materials for our morning meeting. Our morning meeting will be via Google Meet. The meeting link will be on their Google Classroom and scheduled on their calendar automatically from me. This will be a time where we can connect and go over the day's expectations. There may be a cheesy dad joke or two, as well :) If students are unable to connect or are missing from the meeting, I will post the video on Google Classroom.

It is important that every student check their email throughout the day. Google Meetings and materials may be sent over email and be posted in Google Classroom.

Along with their morning meeting, students will have the opportunity to meet again at 10:00 AM for Math and ELA instruction. This will be a great time for students to ask questions and gain a better understanding of the material they are working on. Again, this will be scheduled on their calendar and posted on Google Classroom.

Hard copies and needed materials for the week will be picked up and dropped off Monday mornings at the normal bus route stops. Town students may pick up their materials in the front office and be ready for the morning meeting by 8:30 AM.

Communication will be important going forward. Google Classroom allows comments on each assignment, so if your child ever has questions, they can write a comment to me, email, or post a “hangout” chat. Thank you for being patient and flexible with us as we create a learning path that fits every child’s needs while being enjoyable and challenges them.

You are amazing and thank you again!

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