



A NOTE FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL OFFICE

Good afternoon from Chiang Mai Middle School Parents. I hope you all have settled into a new routine and are coping with the stresses of the extended school closure. Although the school closure is an opportunity for some “family time”, being together all day for days at a time can put significant stresses on a family as well. Be sure you are taking steps to keep the stress levels in check as we all deal with this unusual set of circumstances. Christina DeMers sent some fantastic resources to you all on Wednesday, so review those if you’re looking for some ideas. I don’t have a lot to add this week so I’ll keep my email brief.

Students’ Work - Our kids are doing a great job staying on top of their work so far and the completion rate of assignments is quite high. Only a handful of students have not responded to our emails at this point, a sign that nearly all of our students are involved in learning while school is closed. Please keep in mind that our expectation is that MS kids are doing 2-4 hours of schoolwork per day and should certainly not be doing 6 hours or more. If your child is devoting long hours to his/her school work, he/she should contact one of us (TARGET teacher, myself, Ms. DeMers, Ms. Siemens) and let us know.

Events and School Calendar – A number of students have emailed me over the past week to ask if we will still have China Trips, whether season 3 sports will be cancelled, when school will start again, will we extend the school year into the summer, etc. All of these questions are part of our Administrative Team discussions, and discussions between Mr. Baker and the Board of Directors. We hope to have answers determined shortly and Mr. Baker will communicate them to you as soon as these decisions are final.

Project Supplies – In some cases, teachers are designing learning activities that require students to have certain supplies. We understand that parents may be limited as to what they can get in terms of supplies, as many are outside of China and even more are away from their homes. For this reason, going out to buy basic supplies you could easily find in GZ may be a much more difficult task where you are. If you are unable to get the supplies needed for a particular project or assignment, either you or your child can email the teacher to explain the issue. We will be flexible!!

That’s all for this week. Stay well everyone!

Regards,

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