



Good afternoon Primary and Lower School Families,

I am writing this afternoon to let you know that even though we will not be together on campus next week, our community will continue to be connected. When students are home and you will be spending more time with your family, our teachers are planning and preparing learning activities to keep them moving forward and continuing to grow. As Mr. Kling shared in his email to the community yesterday, teachers will be planning lessons on Monday and Tuesday next week and we will have our first remote learning lessons on Wednesday and Thursday. In order for parents to prepare for these new remote activities, there are a few things that you can do this weekend.

### **Preparing for Remote Learning**

#### **General Information**

On Monday and Tuesday next week, you will receive communication from me and from your child's homeroom teacher(s) to let you know what to expect for remote learning. In general, there will be opportunities to do hands-on work or complete assignments with paper and pencil, and there will be activities available online.

Since Primary students will need to have an adult working with them to complete daily activities, and Lower School students should have an adult nearby because they will be using a device, most of the lessons that are being prepared are asynchronous. This means that most lessons are not going to be live streamed so that families can coordinate their schedules to find the best time to watch them at some point during the day. It is important to note, however, that lessons are designed for students to be doing work each day, just as they would in school.

- Attendance
  - During days when we are having remote learning classes, the expectation is for each child to communicate in some way with their teacher, either responding to a question of the day, sharing feedback to

an activity or lesson, or having a face-to-face check-in time with a teacher. These interactions will allow us to mark your child "present" for the school day.

- Events
  - We have a number of events that were planned, including grade-wide learning showcases, Spirit Week and Lower School Field Day, that will need to be rescheduled when we return to school. Our hope is that we will be able to enjoy all of these events when we are back, and we will communicate new dates once we have them.
  
- Learning Materials
  - If your child was not at school today, please make arrangements to stop by on Monday to pick up their materials for remote learning. Materials will be available in the front office between 8am-4pm.

### **Primary Families**

- Zoom
  - Each week, there will be two opportunities for Primary students to connect with their teachers. The platform we will be using for face-to-face digital connections is Zoom.
  - Teachers will send an email to you when they schedule a Zoom meeting to connect with your child.
  
- Work Space
  - Please plan to have a quiet space for your child to do their work. It should be a cleared area where they can also store the materials they brought home.
  - The materials they brought home will come back to school when we return.
  - You may want to have crayons or markers and paper available as well.

## Lower School Families

- Zoom
  - Each week, there will be two opportunities for Lower School students to virtually connect with their teachers.
  - The platform, Zoom, is already on 1st-4th grade devices and students have practiced using the program in class.
  - Students will use their Gulliver login to access the lessons and to be able to connect with their teachers via Zoom.
  - The device that was sent home is the one your child uses in school. The same digital citizenship expectations that they follow in school also apply at home.
  
- Work Space
  - Please plan to have a quiet space for your child to do their work. It should be a cleared area where they can also store the materials they brought home.
  - These materials will come back to school when we return.
  - You may also want to have pencils, pens, crayons or markers and paper available.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Stay well,  
Rachel

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