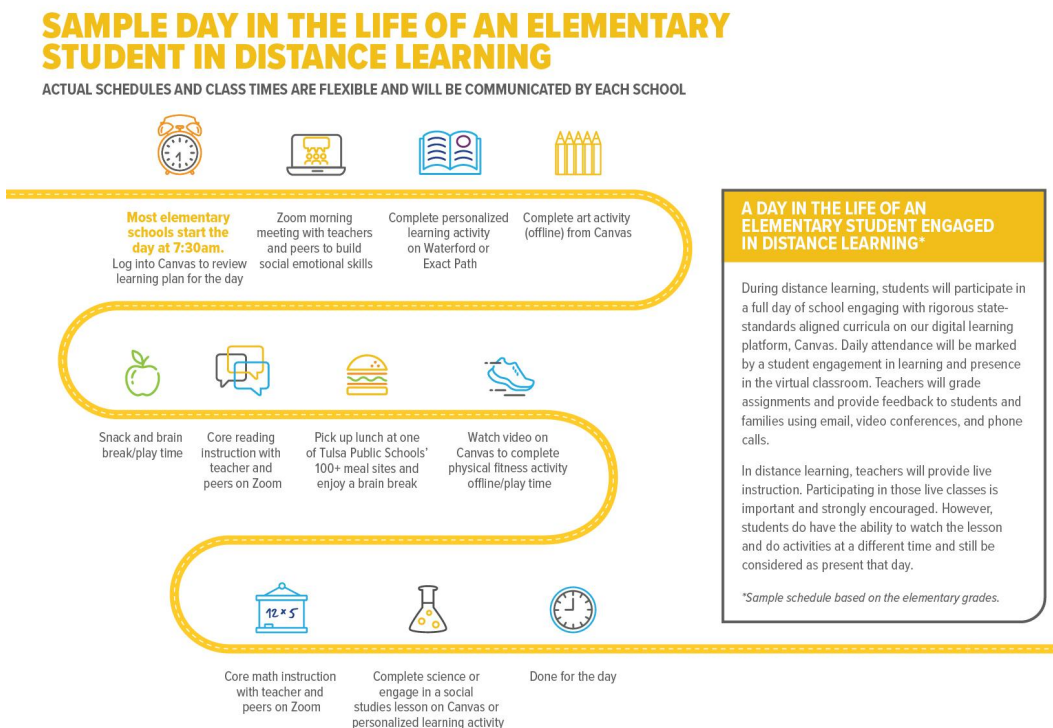


Dear Marian Anderson families,

We are so excited to welcome our students and families back to learning on Monday, August 31! Although we will spend the first nine weeks of our school year in distance learning, I want you to know that the Marian Anderson team is still here to support your child in his or her learning journey. I know that you likely have many questions about what the school year will look and feel like, and I hope that this message will help you prepare for a strong start to the year ahead.

Your child's distance learning experience will include a combination of real-time instruction using Zoom, self-directed learning and activities accessed through our Canvas digital learning platform, and opportunities for intentional play and physical activity. **Distance learning does not mean that your child will sit in front of a computer screen all day.** Your child's "Brain Breaks" and learning activities are designed to get children moving. The graphic below provides an example of what a learning day might look like in the elementary grades. Look for more information about Marian Anderson schedule during Back to School Week (Aug. 31-Sept. 4)



At Marian Anderson, our instructional day - even in distance learning - will begin at 8:30 AM. While our distance learning program is designed to be flexible based on the needs of each of our families, it is important that your child attend his or her live classes as much as possible. Not only do live classes give your child a chance to ask questions in real-time, but these are also opportunities for students to stay connected with their peers.

At Anderson, all core content instruction (Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies) will be between 9:00 and 2:00 pm. Each day will start with a whole class morning meeting. The learning day will be a combination of live instruction and assignments completed through Canvas and/or offline (workbooks, reading, etc.) Throughout the day students will have time for, read-alouds, independent reading, personalized learning and intervention. Personalized learning and intervention will be a combination of on-line (LEXIA, Learning A-Z, Exactpath), resource teachers (Gifted and Talented, ELD, ESS, Library), and one on one support from classroom teachers and TAs. We will also have Anderson staff available throughout the day to offer individualized support.

You can find general information about distance learning in our district at www.tulsaschools.org/distancelearning. Please also bookmark Marian Anderson's website at <https://anderson.tulsaschools.org/> and check back often for updates. I hope you will also feel free to contact me at (918)925-1305 or whitedi@tulsaschools.org

Wishing you a happy and safe end of summer break,

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