

From: Alan Addley <dps@darienps.org>
Subject: Message for K-2 parents from the Superintendent

Good Evening K-2 Families,

I trust your child(ren) enjoyed the opening of school. As we begin the new school year with a hybrid learning model, technology plays an important role in providing access to student learning. Some technical issues and lessons learned from the past two days suggest that our youngest students need more time with their teachers to learn these new tools and technologies that are necessary for a successful remote live streaming learning experience.

Commencing live streaming on Tuesday without students being fully prepared will only contribute to students' anxiety. Hence, next week, K-2 students will come to school two days and access learning from home two days through remote learning lessons accessible from the District website.

Any students learning from home next week will not stream into the classroom for instruction. Live streaming for K-2 students will commence Monday, September 14. While at home, students will participate in learning by accessing remote learning lessons in math, reading and writing that will be accessible through the elementary curriculum website linked [here](#). Links to the remote learning lessons will not be accessible until Monday evening, September 7. If your child receives special education and/or related services, your case manager will reach out to you on Tuesday with a plan for the week.

Building principals will share additional remote learning lessons on how to access Zoom and Seesaw for students who have opted out of in person learning.

In advance, thank you for any accommodations this change may require for your household and for your assistance next week in supporting remote learning from home. I understand this is a late adjustment to the schedule but know it is made in the best interest of our youngest learners.

Sincerely,

Alan Addley, Ed.D.

Superintendent of Schools