

April 13, 2020

Dear Parents and Students,

We will have another student classroom “zoom” meeting this Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. I have posted “Zoom” expectations in Our Google Classroom. They are similar to our classroom meeting expectations:

Please follow these rules when you enter all Zoom Class Meetings:

Set yourself up in a quiet place without background noise:

Listen and follow directions

Keep your body calm

Raise your hand to speak

Respect your classmates and your teachers

Do the right thing because everyone can see you

When you do the right thing you will S.O.A.R.

SAFE- ON TASK - ACT RESPONSIBLY- and SHOW RESPECT

Many parents mentioned they desire more paper packets. At this time the district is not issuing paper packets for students unless specifically requested by parents as it is encouraged students use their “Google Classroom” as a learning platform. If you still are in need of a device please let me or Principal Paddock know and we will get you set up with one.

Something else that has been noted/asked frequently, “How do I most easily navigate “Google Classroom”? The way the program is set up, everything that appears in the stream can also be found under the “**CLASSWORKS**” tab, that is the way the program works. When students navigate to Our Google Classroom they should click on is the “**CLASSWORKS**” tab at the top of the page, all assignments, notes, zoom meetings, Principal Paddock’s weekly gratitude message, our schedule, etc. will be found under this tab and everything is organized by subject, much more user friendly then trying to use “stream”. Almost all other sites that students will want to use can be accessed through “**Student Toots**”. Some parents have asked for more assignments and some parents have asked for fewer assignments so I guess the answer here is do what works for your family and during your child’s conference we can discuss resources/ideas unique to your child’s needs/circumstances. Students, in addition to Google Classroom assignments, remember to read daily, complete I-Ready reading and math, and write in your daily journal. Check our Optional Daily Schedule for more ideas.

Conferences will be a time in which we can discuss how student learning is working for your child and if there is anything I can do to support your family. Please email me with a date/time that will work for you in the next two weeks as well as if you would prefer a phone or a “zoom” conference.

In an effort to make it easier for families I will begin adding assignments in “Our Google Classroom” Mondays as well as send out weekly news so you know when to expect regular communication. During the week I am engaged in responding to students, providing feedback, trying to help parents, taking classes in an effort to improve my skills in offering virtual learning for students, collaboration with colleagues, school and district meetings. Setting up a home workstation has been helpful. 😊

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