

Tuesday, March 31, 2020

Good Morning Families,

Welcome to Week 3 of Remote Learning. As I have gotten used to doing, I wanted to give you an update for the week. I know you are getting inundated with emails, so I thank you for taking the time to read them. Here are some of the highlights for this week:

1. We will be holding Part 2 of Parent Teacher Conferences that were not completed due to the school closure this week. Please look to your child's classroom teacher for specific communication about scheduling. Please note that if the teacher is calling you, it may come up as an unknown caller.

2. Teachers are beginning to schedule live and interactive lessons using the video-conferencing tool Zoom. We realize that it may be difficult for some students to be a part of this type of instruction during the day. This is okay. We are starting with a few groups over the week and adding on as we go. We will continue to post lessons and activities for our students, so that instruction can still be accessed without being able to be in an interactive session. Please be flexible with us as we work to figure out this new way of teaching! I have attached the district's Zoom etiquette for students, please review the document and speak with your children about the etiquette.

3. Going into Week 3, you may be feeling overwhelmed by the amount of work that has been provided. Please do the best you can each day. You may not complete all of the work that has been assigned. This too is okay. Keep in touch with your child's teacher in order to adjust the amount or type of work. Similarly, you may find that the work being provided may seem too simple or too hard for your child. Our goal in the first few weeks was to get the systems that we would use for delivering instruction up and running. As we get better at remote learning, we will be able to provide more differentiated instruction to students.

4. We are missing your children like crazy! It is really hard to go into school each day and not see them. Please continue to tell them we are thinking about them. Keep those pictures and videos coming! It helps us to see all the amazing things they are doing.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Take care and be well,

Michelle Romein  
Principal