



## **Primary School Mail to Parents**

### **Weekly Note from PS Administration**

**March 16-20, 2020**

#### **Dear Primary School Parents!**

On Monday we all embark on the distance online learning journey. Our teachers have done a great job ensuring that children are ready and excited about this new adventure. "See you on SeeSaw" was our favorite phrase last Friday.

We know that one of the biggest concerns is feeling bombarded with too much communication. Prioritizing what needs to be read and trying to organize our inbox so we don't miss any important information is a big challenge.

In Primary School we will try to send the most important weekly updates from the office on Monday. Your child's teacher will be letting you know about specifics for each classroom. We would like to remind you that we will continue to be available for any questions or concerns.

As seen on the grade level schedules, teachers have office hours where they can meet with you through video conference. Our counselors and the Admin team will be available throughout the day so do not hesitate to make appointments to video conference with us should you need to discuss anything related to your child.

Although learning will look different for the next few weeks, it is also a great opportunity for students to become responsible and develop other skills.

#### **Parent Teacher Conferences**

PTC will be held on Friday, March 20th through video conference. There will be no distance learning for students that day. Your child's teacher will send the link to join

the meeting according to the Skyward schedule. Please remember you have a 20 minute slot of time. Report Cards will be posted in Skyward on Thursday, March 19th. You may print them for your videoconference.

## **Parenting Corner**

Establishing consistent and responsive (flexible) routines that allow your child the greatest degree of mastery, and awareness of their responsibility is very important.

### **Roles, responsibilities, and expectations:**

- Set basic expectations during the next few weeks, like taking care of yourself, your family, and your home, everyone takes part in getting everything done, etc.
- Even if these are already values in your family, it is helpful to reinforce them simply and clearly as you begin a prolonged period of time in close proximity.
- Hold everyone accountable to these expectations, especially yourself, in a loving, patient, and understanding way.
- Make sure that all responsibilities and expectations can be clearly and simply explained.

### **Schedules, noting change, maintaining the environment, and an awareness of time:**

Make a basic daily schedule together as a family that reflects your pre-existing routines, tasks, chores, and that allows for long, natural transitions between activities. When possible, focus on everyone in the family participating in these routines and tasks, rather than assigning specific tasks to individuals.

Integrate activities that mark time and allow you to respond, maintain, or observe changes in the environment, for instance raising and caring for plants, small pets, etc. Be flexible in providing necessary support to your child's need for play and activity, for instance rearranging furniture to make more space for indoor play, forts from pillows and sheets, etc.

Create wall space for posting your child's drawings, notes, and artwork, regularly add new work to this space.

Please reach out with any questions or concerns.

Your partners in this new journey,

Donald and Paula