

Hancock Elementary School

"Rooted in Community, Reaching for the Stars"

Dear Elementary Parents and Guardians,

It was wonderful to see everyone on the ZOOM assembly! I had such fun seeing all the faces and hearing children call out to each other and teachers. Next time, I will have an activity where all children can contribute (the riddles were a bit tough). On to business!

Thank you for your partnership in our work to streamline and strengthen our remote learning model. Your feedback is an important part in moving us to a model that is supportive and flexible for families.

Remote learning, instruction and assessment for the remainder of the year will focus on identified Power Standards. Teachers will be scoring submitted work using a 6-point scoring rubric to determine progress toward the identified Power Standards. The 6-point scoring rubric is based on the marking system that we use on our report cards. For students who have joined Google Classroom, these scores will be available to view once teachers have entered them. For students who have not joined Google Classroom, teachers will be maintaining a personal record of the submitted assignments. In either case, teachers will use the small group instruction in Zoom meetings to give children specific feedback on their assignments. Please note, we will not be using the comment feature in Google Classroom moving forward.

Parents whose children are in Google Classroom and who have accepted a guardian invite, will receive a guardian email with a summary of missing work and upcoming assignments.

You will also notice some adjustments to the instructional presentation of the slides. Based on parent and teacher feedback, we are continuing to streamline how instructional activities are posted in Google Classroom. For each subject (Reading, Writing, and Math) there will be one instructional slideshow. Any documents that need to be viewed will be linked in the slideshow. Any documents that need to be completed and turned in, will be attached to the Google Classroom assignment. All material that is posted in Google Classroom will also be sent home in weekly packets.

Another notable item is the return to personalized morning messages for your child! Moving forward, to best meet your child's needs, we will expand our differentiated instruction with small group work opportunities.

Finally, it was decided that the last day of school for students will be Friday, May 29th. We realize that some children may have left personal items behind and we are designing a system for you to retrieve these items while maintaining safety guidelines regarding social distancing. Additionally, teachers will be sending home student materials that are typically returned at the end of the year.

As always, please reach out if you have any questions and concerns.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Amy