

# Hancock Elementary School

*"Rooted in Community, Reaching for the Stars"*

Happy Weekend!

I am having such fun with your children. I have run with kindergarteners, danced with first graders, painted with second graders, and listened to third and fourth graders read! The children are so comfortable and confident in their learning environment. It is wonderful to see.

It is hard to believe we are approaching the last week in September. Just a reminder that you can make changes to your child's learning experience on the first day of each month. Please email me if you intend to shift your child to either in person or remote learning.

Please remember to send your child in with a full water bottle each day. Our water fountains are shut off. Children can refill their water bottles from the faucet; however, they need a water bottle to do this.

There have been a number of questions regarding what learning will look like when we all go remote after Thanksgiving. The day is quite full for students during remote learning. Zoom meetings will be held for all instruction. Students will attend approximately 4 zooms between 8:45 - 3:00 with adjustments based on students' developmental and academic needs. Google Classroom is the platform for accessing and submitting work for grades 2 through 4. Ms. Hutchins and Mrs. Shultz will be working with students to learn how to navigate Google Classroom over the next couple of months. Students in kindergarten and first grade will show what they know through zoom meetings. Teachers will observe students working in math and handwriting books. Currently, the special block is from 11am to 12pm for remote learners. This is a time that children can choose one of the special activities on the choice board or families can create a special activity. While the time may differ for some grades, the format will be the same. The Souhegan Boys and Girls Club will be open during remote instruction after Thanksgiving and the Holiday break.

Picture day is October 15th. Pictures will be taken outside. You will get more details in October regarding how to purchase pictures.

I have attached the District Policy for Attendance, Absenteeism and Truancy. Any absence that is not due to the reasons stated in the policy must be approved by the principal. If the principal does not approve the reason for absence, it will be marked as unexcused. Please review the policy at your earliest convenience.

Since we are unable to have visitors in the school, I thought I would include some pictures of the children learning. Enjoy!

Amy