

## What Matters!

Teaching has evolved to become a profession of research. We gather data both through observation and also through assessments and coupled with our road map of the curriculum and state standards, we make determinations about what to teach based on what we know about each individual student and each class collectively. As a school, we will spend time getting to know each student and their families to make sure we are meeting the needs of all our Livingston Lions.

We need to know your children. We need to know what drives them, what their interests are, what they want for themselves, and what you want for them. It helps us to provide the best learning environment for them. As part of this information gathering, every K-5 teacher will be setting up a short online meeting with you and your child in the first few weeks of school. This will replace small group instruction while we gather information.

The teachers will contact you directly to set this up. We are excited to know who our students and families are as learners and members of our Livingston School Community.

## Assessments

During the school year, your child's teacher will be embarking on some assessments. Assessments are the basis of our lesson plans. As we assess students, we understand what your child specifically needs. It allows us to set goals for your children both long term and short. It helps our planning for both small group and whole group lessons. It also changes the content of any adaptive programs we use, for example Scholastic, IXL, or Newsela. The assignments your child receives are determined by the assessment given in these platforms.

This is why it is absolutely critical that your child complete any assessments, tests or quizzes on their own. We understand the desire to help our children to excel, but by allowing them to do assessments on their own without your help allows **us** to do this for the **long term!**

## Remote Learning Contract

In order for this to be successful, we need your help! Here's what you can do to help:

- Monitor my child's attendance by ensuring their participation within in-person and virtual instruction to the greatest extent possible.
- Ensure that my child engages in learning activities daily.
- Communicate needs to school staff that inhibit participation in daily learning.
- Respect the privacy and confidentiality necessary to create a thriving classroom learning environment.
- Actively support the privacy and confidentiality of all students by:

- ❑ Never recording video conferencing engagements, meetings, discussions, lessons, small groups, etc.
- ❑ Never posting images to social media of students other than your own child(ren) nor staff.
- ❑ Ensure to every extent possible my child understands and follows the previous statements.

## Schedules

We have learned much about learning remotely since the spring, and have had time to create structures and resources in order to be more effective. As such there will be a structure to each day with "periods". Each period will have a different purpose: ELA, Math, Art etc. Teachers will utilize Google Classroom and Google Meet to deliver lessons, provide feedback, and give assignments. Student schedules are available for your review - just click on the link. Google Meet information will be shared before September 8, 2020.

## Oncourse Connect

Parents are highly encouraged to regularly check Oncourse Connect to stay informed about students progress. Grades are updated weekly by teachers. Please click on the link below for more information in both Spanish and English on how to set up your access.

## Remind 101

Our school will use Remind 101 to keep parents informed. Remind 101 allows us to push out text messages and important links to documents and surveys. Please sign up to stay informed and connected with Livingston School.