



Good Evening 3rd Grade Families,

I hope this email finds you well and enjoying family time at home. As we launch our online learning platform tomorrow morning, I wanted to share with you some important reminders and suggestions to support the remote learning environment.

- As our school will be operating on a modified schedule, it is beneficial to keep the PS Schedule handy so that students know when they are expected to be in a virtual classroom. Classroom attendance will be taken and treated as a regular school day.
- Students should have breakfast and be ready to begin in their Homerooms by 8:10 AM each morning for attendance.
- Identifying a place that is reasonably quiet and free from distractions will best support learning. Students will need to be alert and focused during class time. Please consider this when locating an optimal study location in your home (It is strongly advised that TVs, Phones, gaming systems and any other electronic devices other than a students school-provided iPad be kept in a different location during the remote learning day.)
- The PS Schedule has built in breaks and opportunities for students to stretch and take a "brain break". Students will be expected to participate with their teachers in their Google Classrooms for the entire scheduled day beginning with Homeroom at 8:10 AM through the completion of their last period "Special" at 12:20 PM.
- Following the completion of the last period of the remote learning day, students are strongly encouraged to get some fresh air and participate in family activities planned for home.
- Our behavior expectations that apply in school also apply in the remote learning environment as well. Students are expected to be present, engaged, kind and courteous to one another, and thoughtful in their response participation in their classes. Teachers will be monitoring for active participation and will be addressing any concerns that arise.
- Be sure to have suggested paper, pencils, crayons, highlighters and if possible, access to a working printer available. Additionally, please remember to keep all iPads charged after use so they are ready each morning at the start of school.

In addition to the daily learning activities that PS students will be actively engaged in with their teachers, I have created a fun writing incentive opportunity to share with families for additional writing practice. Attached, you will find "[Dr. Kass's Optional Writing Challenge](#)". This optional activity will reinforce practice of our Four Square Writing Method, the adopted method of teaching paragraph structure writing in the Primary School. Details and instructions are included in the attached PDF file. I kindly ask you to download and print the file to review with your child. This activity will not be included in the daily remote learning classroom. It is intended as an optional writing incentive for those interested in participating. When we return to school, I hope to receive many shared creative writing pieces by our young authors. I am excited to see where their ideas and imagination take them and hope to be disseminating many fun reward prizes for our participants! Please feel free to contact me with any questions regarding any aspect of our remote learning program. I look forward to embarking on our remote adventure together!

Warm regards,

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[Dr. Kass's Optional Writing Challenge for Grade 3](#)

