



Good evening PS Families,

I hope this email finds you well. As we enter Day 3 of our Remote Learning Environment, I want to thank you on behalf of the administration and Primary School teaching staff for your time and commitment to a Winston-Home partnership that enables the success of our remote learning experience. While we navigate unsteady times in our global world, it is our commitment to the learning and support of our students' educational journey that has provided for stability in unchartered territory.

I would like to share with you a few notices and updates from the Primary School staff:

- Beginning Wednesday, March 18th, our assignment submission deadline has been moved to 8 PM daily. This extended time allows for students and families to navigate the balance between school and family work expectations with added flexibility. Students will still be expected to log-in to Google Classroom at their scheduled class times and participate in the interactive experiences that teachers are engaging in with them (i.e. class discussions prompted with question/response activities). Assignments given for independent completion will now be accepted through 8 PM daily.
- Attendance will continue to be taken in each class including specials. Please be sure your child checks in to the class during the assigned class period. We recognize that there have been challenges due to delays in internet connectivity and understand the frustration this may cause. If there is a weak internet connection, we suggest turning off the wi-fi and then back on to re-establish connection. Please know that the teachers will start the lesson at the given time, however if a student arrives late because of connection issues, we understand! Please send the teacher an email to indicate the trouble you are having with log-in and assure your child that their teachers understand.
- Class Assignments in the Google Classroom: Participation and assignments vary from class to class and are a component of a student's grade. Missed assignments that are not submitted will need to be made up the following school day in addition to new learning provided.
- It is helpful for students to periodically refresh their classroom pages and check for comments from teachers. When submitting a picture of student work, students should click the "add attachment" tab, make sure it uploads and then click the "turn in" tab to submit the assignment. A reminder that many tutorials and guided instructions can be found in folders sent home with students last week.
- Google classroom, Raz-Kids and VMath are all accessible on any device through a web-browser using your child's log-in credentials. A student may use any home device for log-in if that is preferred to iPad usage. Please note that some videos will be disseminated via iMovie and may not work on all devices. They will work on the iPad and other Apple devices with iMovie.
- The teachers have utilized familiar activities and curriculum components during these first days of remote instruction to allow students the opportunity to settle into the remote learning experience. Going forward, teachers will be introducing varied learning activities and providing them with uploaded videos for class instruction. The first will be a video message shared by me with all of our students tomorrow morning in Homeroom. Following tomorrow, the teachers will begin introducing various content through video media.
- At the end of each school day, students should check back in on their Homeroom

Classroom to see any teacher announcements added throughout the day.

Thank you again for your patience and support! I am very proud of our work together as a Winston community. Tomorrow morning, I will share my first video message with our students communicating how impressed and excited I am to see their active involvement in our remote learning classrooms! As always, I encourage you to reach out to the teachers or myself with any questions or concerns you may have.

Wishing health and wellness to you and your families,

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