



Dear Primary School Parents and Families,

Congratulations on a successful first week of remote learning! I know the challenges it presented and the collaboration it required to create an optimal experience for all members of our Primary School learning community. Thank you to our parents, families and students for your support of our Program delivery in this new remote learning format. The staff and I recognize that this requires an extraordinary partnership between home and school and that it is challenging for all of us. I am very appreciative of your support as our staff is continuously working very hard to develop lessons that incorporate new methods and strategies to teach from home. I am grateful for the commitment of the Primary School team, teachers and specialists, and their dedication to deliver meaningful learning experiences to our students. The staff and I are very proud of the way in which our students have taken responsibility for their learning.

As we begin week 2, Winston faculty want to share the following **STUDENT REMINDERS, TIPS, and RECOMMENDATIONS**:

- We strongly recommend that students have breakfast and be ready to begin in their homerooms by 8:10 AM each morning for attendance.
- Teachers will greet students and share the **SCHEDULE** for the day, including specials. Students are expected to attend specials as they would any other class. Classroom attendance will be taken each period and students need to be present (If you are experiencing technical issues, please email your child's homeroom teacher and Winston Techtalk for support).
- If a child is planning to be absent, the absence will be recorded as in our previous learning environment. Missed work will be shared with students upon their return to the remote environment with an expectation for completion.
- For assignments due in Google Classroom, please remember to submit assignments by clicking the "turn in" tab in Google Classroom.
- Teachers are engaging with students for support and grading them on their participation in remote classroom experiences and submitted assignments.
- We strongly encourage your support in ensuring that students work from a place that is quiet and free from distractions.
- It is strongly recommended that students have paper, pencils, highlighters, crayons/colored pencils, all supplemental resources that were previously distributed in the take-home folders and access to a working printer.
- Any home internet-enabled device may be used for accessing the remote learning environment. We encourage families to use home devices, if available. Please remember that student iPads and/or home devices need to be charged so they are ready each morning at the start of school.
- **FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF THE LAST PERIOD OF THE DAY**, students are expected to return to their **HOMEROOM CLASSROOM**. Teachers will share feedback and any incomplete assignments. These assignments include Speech, OT, Wellness, Art, and Technology.

Finally, **TO OUR STUDENTS**, your teachers and I are so very proud of you! Keep smiling and

giving it your best. For those of you who have been working on the writing challenge (**DR. KASS'S OPTIONAL WRITING CHALLENGE**), I encourage you to email pictures of your completed writing tasks to me at DKass@Winstonschool.org. I have received great pictures from many of you and I am so impressed with your work! I will be emailing students about their prizes and look forward to getting them to you! This challenge is a weekly optional activity for all Primary School students and you may participate each week of our Remote Learning environment.

The staff and I look forward to our continued partnership as we start another week of remote teaching.

Warmest regards,

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