

This & That

Week of September 21

Happy Friday!! This week seemed to have flown by. I think that is because I have been leaving my house to go into school to get the classroom ready after I finish all of our zooms all week. I hope you have some fantastic plans this weekend to help you relax. I am super excited, as I get to celebrate my birthday with my family this weekend. They keep hinting that they have secret plans for me...not sure if I should be scared or not LOL!

This newsletter is packed with information, please make sure you read through it all.

- 1.) **Return to School** – We will be phasing back into the classroom Tuesday, September 29th
- 2.) **No School Monday, September 28th**
- 3.) **No Zoom Meetings** – There will be no Zoom meetings Wednesday, September 23 – Friday, September 25. I will be back on campus preparing the classroom and attending several trainings those days to learn all of the new policies and procedures. All learning will be done asynchronously on Canvas those days.
- 4.) **Campus restrictions** – The district has created some safety procedures that we must follow to help insure the safety of the staff and the students on our campus once we return to school.
 - Please don't shoot the messenger!
 - a. No parents or visitors on campus –Parents will not be able to walk their students to the classroom. Teachers and staff will be outside the first week to make sure everyone gets to where they need to go.
 - b. All students will go directly to the classroom upon arrival. There will be no before school recess at this time
 - c. Masks are required – Please refrain from sending your child with a bandana or gaiter mask. They will have to switch it out for a provided mask once at school.
 - d. Masks with valves will not be allowed at school.
- 5.) **School Supplies** – Last week I sent out a revised school supply list. Since parents are not allowed to walk their children into the classroom, these supplies might be a bit heavy for the students to handle. I am trying to think of ways to help get supplies into the classroom safely and easily.
 - a. Send in their personal supplies the first day – this includes pencil box, folders, notebooks etc.
 - b. Any classroom donations to the class can be sent a little at a time
- 6.) **My books (Reading books)** – We sent home 2 of the reading books during materials handout at the beginning of school. **We will need both books returned on the first day back to school.** This is their reading curriculum and we only have the amount of book that are enrolled in our class. If your child does not bring these books back, they will not have the necessary materials for their daily instruction.
- 7.) **Devices** – If you checked out a device from the district and you are returning to the classroom, please make sure you bring that device on the first day of school.

It will get checked back in. Your child will be assigned a classroom device that they will use once we return the classroom.

- 8.) **Return to School Lunches/Snack** – I highly suggest thinking about using paper bags that can be thrown away at the end of lunch. I know these are not ideal, but it would be one less thing your child needs to try to manage.
- I know ice packs are an issue with paper bags...one thing I do for my kids is freeze a water bottle and place it in a Ziploc bag (to avoid the condensation getting everywhere) and place it in the lunch bag. Then it acts like an ice pack but by lunch time it has melted and they have cold water and a chilled lunch.
 - If you send a real lunch box, there will be a lunch bucket to collect them after lunch but before recess, but be aware that lunch boxes will be touching.
 - Please make sure that the items that you send can be easily opened by your child independently. This will help your child to eat in a timely manner and to limit the amount of others touching your child's food. (When my children were little I would open the food packages and put the food in a Ziploc because they could easily manage ziplocs on their own.
 - We will be having snack each day – please send your child a small healthy snack that they can open on their own and that is not messy. This should be packed outside of their lunch so it is easily attainable.
- 9.) **iRead** – I know there are a few people who are still having issues with iRead loading. However majority of the students have gotten on and have been working on the program this past week. Thank you for your perseverance in continuing to try to get this to work.
- 10.) **Dream Box** – Your child should be working on Dreambox at least 30 minutes a week. Please remember that this is an independent program. If the students get help the program will think they have mastered a skill and move them on in difficulty before they are ready.
- 11.) **HMH access**- Prior to returning to class can you do me a HUGE favor? If you can make sure our child knows how to access HMH independently that would be a great help. They will be using this to access iRead and the assigned books from their small group once back in the classroom. Thank you Thank you Thank you!!!
- 12.) **Social Studies this week** – Please click on week 6 to access the material. I know this is a ton of information. Please take it one piece at a time or it will be overwhelming! Thank you so much for all of your support and understanding during these crazy times! I have enjoyed working with your students these past 7 weeks and I look forward to our new adventure in class. Please watch for further communication about return to school

Sincerely,
Mrs. Burtis



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NOT IN A ROW. AT THIS POINT
I HAVE NO IDEA WHERE MY
DUCKS EVEN ARE..