

Friday, March 27, 2020

Dear CES Families,

We are thinking of you and missing you. As we respond to our children, please remember that for our age group, play continues to be a great activity. Children learn a lot through their play and it helps them to make sense of the world. I encourage us to include play in all routines as a vital activity.

There are natural opportunities for children to learn right now. You may consider taking walks, playing outside, reading books, drawing pictures, making puzzles, singing songs, dancing, and writing in journals.

I have asked the teachers to focus their work for the next two weeks with students on reinforcing skills that have already been taught. We hope to celebrate our reading week in some fashion! Our Specials teachers are planning activities, too.

If you are looking for any assistance, please remember that the phone number 211 is a great state resource. If they don't have the answer, they will connect you with someone that does.

All of our staff are working remotely so feel free to reach out to all staff by email, including our office staff, Mrs. John and Mrs. Craig, with any questions. Please continue to reach out to my email. I am working every weekday and monitoring email regularly. Thank you for all the ways you are taking care of your families.

What will remote learning look like at CES?

1. It will start gradually and we will continue to communicate as we have. It is important that we maintain communication between the school and your homes. **Please make sure that your child's teacher has an email contact for you if available.** Staff emails are available on our website. We will continue to reach out as we have (email and classroom dojo).
2. The roll out of google classroom will be gradual next week. Your grade level teachers will reach out to you. The most important goal is to maintain regular communication between home and school.

We will use Google Classroom as a tool (Grades 1-4) to make instructional resources available for you. Our goal for the coming 2 weeks is to orient ourselves and our families to this tool as a school community. **We are working to get one Chrome book into each family home that needs it.** Pick up for those who have requested a chromebook is on Monday, March 30th, from 9-12 at Baldwin. Please see our website for the acceptable use policy that applies to the Chrome Book.

3. Class Dojo will continue to be the primary tool for Grades PK and K and an important tool for Grades 1 and 2, as well.

4. We will provide sample routines for you to try at home. Other parent resources are available on the CES website.

5. In the coming weeks, we will offer an opportunity for students to meet with their teacher remotely for Grades 1-4. PK and K will continue to use Class Dojo as their primary tool with families. We are planning as a staff so that we aren't asking a second grader to join a remote meeting when we are also asking a 4th grader to do the same, with only one device in the home.

6. Paper packets: we are continuing to explore ways to provide paper packets for the younger grades, and for families who request it, however this week we are focusing on remote resources.

Thank you.

As ever,

Miss Cary