

CANTERBURY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Families:

This letter is mostly about remote learning, resources for you, and attendance. The term “remote learning” seems to imply that the work will be done on the computer only. However at CES, because of the young age of our students, we will be working with both lessons that are on the computer and activities that are done on paper. So please expect both kinds of work from your teachers.

The main communication tool we are using for the school is Class Dojo. Please contact your teacher if you are not yet signed up to Class Dojo. Not only will you get information about your classroom, you will also receive information about the school like information about a special project or activity.

We expect that students will engage with their learning activities at home on the days that they are not at school.

Mrs. Giuliano, our technology teacher has prepared a parent guide to the programs we will use to post activities on the computer: Grades PK-2 SeeSaw or Grades 3-8 Google Classroom. Here is the link to that guide which provides literature and webinars for you: [Parent Resource Guide](#)

Please email Mrs. Giuliano directly at cgiuliano@canterburypublicschools.org if you have technical questions or need help with these programs.

The library will be able to circulate books. Please see this link to learn more about this important service. [Library Curbside Delivery](#)

As you know, attendance in a public school setting is very important. The regularity of a routine is extremely helpful for a child learning how to be a student. Please reach out to the classroom teacher for ideas on routines.

We are working to define how to gather daily attendance and more information will be forthcoming. Basically if your child engages with the work, either paper or digital on a regular basis, this will be counted as attendance.

Please call the school if your child will be absent **EVEN ON THE DAYS THEY ARE NOT** supposed to be physically in school. In this way, you have the ability to call out your child and let us know that they will not be in attendance on a given day.

This will also allow the teachers to know that work will not be completed on that day.

We understand that family routines may be different than school hours. So we see that some families will do work during the weekdays, some in the evenings, some on the weekends. The most important thing is to continue to assist your child to engage with the work and to communicate to your teacher if there are difficulties.

We have an active attendance team at CES. The members of this team include Mrs. Stimson and Mrs. Musumeci. Please feel free to reach out to them with any questions.

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School Social Worker Mrs. Musumeci

**Communication is really important between the school and family
in any given year, and this year, it is even more important.**

I am available to meet with you remotely. Please call Mrs. John at (860) 546-6744 to set up a time should you wish to meet with me.

Wishing you well!

Sincerely,

Miss Cary