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Respect, Responsibility and Reflection

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope you are all staying safe and healthy. We want to remind you that you need to take care of your physical and social emotional health during this time. As you continue to support your children at home academically, while in many instances also working, please remember that we are here for you. Reach out for anything!

Over the last couple of weeks the learning activities assigned to your children were suggested activities and were not required. As we move forward and begin to implement Remote Learning in our Elementary Schools the work being assigned is required. Teachers will not be grading the work but will be providing feedback and looking for participation from your child. If you are having a difficult time accessing the technology, setting up a routine, or assisting your child in their learning please reach out to a staff member. This could be a classroom teacher, counselor, special education teacher or the principal. We are all here to support you.

Remote learning is different from online learning. Children can learn remotely through the use of technology but it can also include nature walks, drawing a picture, reading a book, having a family discussion and many other things. As Elementary Schools our first priority is to maintain those student/teacher relationships by continuing to make meaningful connections with our students. The expectation moving forward is that students are to participate in the remote learning activities teachers are providing. Teachers will be reinforcing skills already taught and deepening the learning. In some cases teachers may move forward with the learning, if they find it to be appropriate for their students. Each individual experience will be different and tailored to the child, his/her needs and the needs of the family. Administration, teachers, and counselors are here to work with you and your child in order to support his/her experience with remote learning. AES and CES teachers will be communicating expectations, providing a suggested schedule and setting up a consistent means of communication with students. It is important to remember that while using learning platforms provided by the school, such as Google Classroom, school rules apply. Students have a responsibility to follow these rules while interacting with students and teachers on these learning platforms.

A traditional school day lasts 6 ½ hours. We are suggesting, with guidance from the Department of Education, that students participate in Remote Learning Experiences for 3 hours a day. If your child is struggling with completing an assignment please take a break, reach out to the teacher and decide on next steps. We are here to support you!

This is new territory for all of us and as we move forward together please keep in mind that we need to work together in order to make this work for our children. Please reach out if you need anything.

Most sincerely,

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