

Dear Families,

First, let me say a great big THANK YOU!! I know many of you are also working from home and have other little ones. Some of you may be sharing devices, and I certainly pray no one is ill in your household. I realize, too, the lack of personal touch and assistance this new remote learning creates. I want you to understand that this week was a chance to test our new reality a bit and see how your children can manage the digital resources AND it was also a test for me. I've learned some things already that DO work and some that DO NOT work. Trust me, I'm reflecting and analyzing as I collect data.

As we move into next week, I certainly hope and pray things go more smoothly. My ELA students will still use Spelling City, but we will go back to Wit and Wisdom instead of NewsELA. While I feel NewsELA is a good supplement and practice, it's time to move on. NoRedInk.com will come in handy for writing skills that will be difficult to teach through Wit and Wisdom. We will also continue to do the Literacy Lab IDR reading log online in the Class Notebook. I'd like to phone conference with your children, so we will figure out a way to schedule that. Maybe you have ideas? I was thinking of using collaboration space in Class Notebook and having your children schedule time slots. Feedback for this would be VERY helpful. PLUS, I miss your kiddos SO much; it'll be nice to talk to them!!

For science, we will experiment with using the digital text and "worksheets" in Class Notebook. I'm exploring some options for investigations such as MY demonstrating in Flip Grid to resources such as MysteryScience.com.

Mrs. Alcavage will take over Mindfulness and Health and utilize Class Notebook in addition to some other resources. I know she's shared a Flip Grid as well. Be on the lookout!!

We are also requesting that first thing, when all the plans have been uploaded (our window is between 8:00-9:00 AM) you have your child write his/her assignments into the PTO provided assignment book. All the way to the right of each row for each subject is a completion box. Once the work for that subject is done, your child can check it off. I'll also provide a printable check list if you'd like that.

Again,

I sincerely thank you for your patience! Please be cautious and stay well. I truly hope to see you soon!

Best Regards,

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