

ELEMENTARY SPECIALS

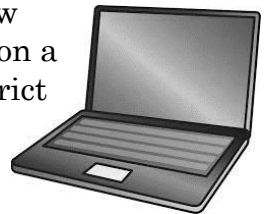


Abbreviated Weeks and Remote Weeks

During the upcoming abbreviated weeks, we hope to provide you with some guidance to support your planning and instruction.



Special area teachers will continue to encourage students to complete work within a Monday to Monday timeframe, understanding that most students will be completing the learning activities on Wednesdays. Clearly, the abbreviated weeks will require some deviations to this plan. Please review the Q&A below which outlines best practices for these weeks. Veteran's Day (11/11/20) falls on a Wednesday this year and will require additional consideration since the district is closed on that day.



Q: What lessons should I prepare for students during the abbreviated, remote-only weeks?

A: For the week of 11/2, you are encouraged to utilize review lessons that will bring the first cycle to closure. Students may be encouraged to complete any outstanding previous assignments. For the weeks of 11/23 and 12/21, you are encouraged to develop short lesson activities that are appropriate for the Thanksgiving and the December holiday season, respectively.



Q: Given that Veteran's Day falls on a Wednesday, how should we handle special area lessons for the week of 11/9/20?

A: You should plan a short, related activity for students to engage in during this week. It does not need to be a full lesson, but rather an appropriate grade level activity designed to commemorate this special day in our country's history.

Q: Going forward, if my school is closed for 14 or more days, should I plan to meet synchronously with each of my classes?

A: No. Due to a variety of scheduling conflicts, you'll need to work asynchronously. If the closure is for the entire district or for an extended period of time, you may receive information altering this approach (with time for transition). However, a full remote schedule will include only asynchronous instruction until further notice.