

Dear Kindergarten, First, Second, and Third Grade Families,

We want to thank you for your cooperation and support during this time. As you know, we will be switching to online teaching starting on March 23rd. Here is our current plan for what that will look like. Please know that we may need to make adjustments based on what works and what does not. You will receive an email from your child's teacher each school day at 9:00 AM with a word document containing the assignments that need to be completed that day (this information will also be posted on our teacher websites daily). If a new skill is being taught, a link to a video will be shared (either of us teaching or from another online source). The work for that day will be due at 9:00 PM that same day. We ask that students do not work ahead to avoid confusion or disorganization. We will be available from 9:00-11:00 AM and from 1:00-3:10 PM to answer questions via email.

We are going to try our best to limit the amount of screen time for students to accommodate all families. Students in grades 1-3 will be required to log onto their Pearson Accounts on Fridays to take their weekly reading tests. For science and social studies, students will be using the Scholastic News website (once or twice a week) to view magazines, videos, games, and more. Math quizzes and tests for grades 1-3 will be assigned on <https://www.sadlierconnect.com/@891029>. Otherwise, most of the assignments will be completed in the workbooks or in the notebook that students brought home. Assignments can be uploaded (picture or scan) daily to your child's personal Google Drive folder. We are planning to grade work as we go to avoid checking and grading a multitude of assignments on the day when school resumed. Feedback on assignments will also be available to students in their personal Google Drive folder.

We will be as clear as possible with students in the emails that are sent to you. Please know that we will be giving student-friendly directions so that they can be shown to your children rather than you reiterating the information to them. They may need your assistance in the beginning, but we think, once they get the hang of it (once *we all* get the hang of it), things will run quite smoothly.

Thank you in advance for your patience and your assistance in your child's learning. It is much appreciated. We look forward to the next few weeks of learning in a new way. It is going to be fun!

Sincerely,

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