

September 25, 2020

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your input, your insight, and your patience as we navigate our return to in-person learning. We are thrilled to begin in-person learning for your child on Thursday, October 1. Safety is our priority. Our class schedule will be very similar to the distance learning schedule so that there is consistency, in case we need to return to distance learning at any time.

Outlined below is some safety information that we hope is helpful to you. These guidelines have been recommended by the local health department, Center for Disease Control, and the Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Transportation: We are encouraging parents to transport their children to and from school, if possible, to better practice social distancing and to not mix groups of students. However, we do have bus transportation available if needed. The temporary bus schedule will be posted on our school website by Tuesday. Cleaning and safety measures will be in place. Please let the office know if your child will need bus transportation.

Wellness pre-screening: Before entering school each morning, please fill out the online pre-screening check "Covid 19 Wellness Screening" on Skyward Family Access or we can provide a paper version by request that will need to be completed daily and turned in with your child's attendance.

Social distancing: Each student will have their own desk to store personal pencil boxes and school supplies. The desks will be six or more feet apart and will be sanitized before and after meals and at the end of each school day.

Classroom Schedule: The morning will focus on the academic curriculum, using songs and literacy activities. There will be a morning snack, movement breaks, and of course read alouds. The afternoon will be used for activities such as art, readers theater, and intentional play. Music will be on Monday and Friday at 11:00. Wednesday will be online. PE will be on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at 1:15.

Face masks: Wearing face masks in the school is required, and they must be washed every day. It is recommended that you send a few spares in your child's backpack so they can be changed when needed.

Cleaning/Disinfecting: Classes will be cleaned each day. In addition, Wednesday classes will be online so that we have time mid-week to deep clean and disinfect our classroom. We will also do a deep clean on Friday afternoons.

Online option: Our intention is to continue the Google Meet class schedule as closely as possible. If your child is unable to join the class in-person on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, or Fridays, they will still be able to link to the instruction.

Counseling support: Our new counselor, Sierra Preston, is available for any emotional support and guidance. She will continue to provide regular guidance lessons.

Bring from home:

Masks (2 preferred)

Snacks

Water bottle - bottle fillers are available

Chromebook - bring daily

Notebooks and workbooks

Personal school supplies

Change of clothes (in a bag) to be kept in backpack in case of accidents

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. We are looking forward to having a class full of students again.

All the best,

Tami Gilbert, TK/K Teacher

Dr. Ralph Pruitt, Superintendent