

# RBMS Parent Information Regarding Remote Learning

**3-30-2020**

Remote learning begins tomorrow 3-31-2020 for all students.

Thank you so very much for your patience as we put together a reasonable learning plan for your middle school student. It is extremely important for you to encourage your student to participate in the learning that is being offered. I have tried to list all of the information below for you to review. Please understand that information has changed on us on a regular basis and we anticipate that the information may change again. I will try to get information out to you on a weekly basis so that you can know about any changes.

At this time, Mondays will be used for students to work on assigned materials and work individually with teachers. The teachers will have a staff meeting on Monday mornings but will be available for the remainder of the day to help students. The schedule for Tuesday through Friday is listed below by grade level. We don't anticipate any changes with that schedule but again, things have changed often as we have moved through this process so the schedule may as well.

At this time there has been no announcement from the Governor regarding extending the closure beyond April 7 but as you are probably aware the President announced yesterday that Social Distancing will be extended through April 30. We are planning for a longer closure at this time.

We are taking things slowly and want this to be a positive experience for students, parents and staff.

## **WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN E-LEARNING, REMOTE LEARNING, & REMOTE PLANNING?**

- E-Learning: short-term plan typically used for inclement weather days
- Remote Learning: long term plan for situations like COVID-19 pandemic
- Remote Planning: designated days for staff professional development and collaboration

## **Building Access**

- This week the buildings will have someone to answer the phone from 8 to 12 p.m. each day.
- Call the office if you need anything - 815-589-2611. Please call or email prior to coming to the building.
- The general public will not be allowed past the vestibule in the building. School staff will retrieve items you need and have them in the vestibule for you to pick up.
- Mrs. Abbott's email [kabbott@riverbendschools.net](mailto:kabbott@riverbendschools.net)
- Mrs. Schipper email [kschipper@riverbendschoos.net](mailto:kschipper@riverbendschoos.net)

## Teacher Google Hangouts

- Students will be asked to participate in Google Hangouts/Meets with teachers. Students were sent a video the other day on how to enter a session. Many have been involved in sessions already and are familiar with the process.
- Sessions will be recorded
  - The recordings will be available for students that aren't able to be 'live' with the teachers at the assigned time. This will allow those students to watch the video at a later time when they are available.
  - If you do not want your child recorded, please have them join the hangout not using video.
  - Contact me with other questions or concerns; [kschipper@riverbendschools.net](mailto:kschipper@riverbendschools.net)

## Student Schedules

### ● 6th Grade - week one

- Tuesday
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  - 10:30 - Science
  - 12:30 - History
  - 1:45 PE
- Thursday
  - 10:00 DEAR Read Aloud
  - 10:30 - Science
  - 12:30 - History
  - 1:45 Art
- Wednesday
  - 10:00 - DEAR REad Aloud
  - 10:30 - English
  - 12:30 - Math
  - 1:45 - Social Skills
- Friday
  - 10:00 DEAR Read Aloud
  - 10:30 - English
  - 12:30 - Math

### ● 7th Grade - week one

- Tuesday
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  - 10:30 - English
  - 12:30 - Science
  - 2:15 PE
- Thursday
  - 10:00 DEAR Read Aloud
  - 10:30 - English
  - 12:30 - Science
  - 1:45 Art
- Wednesday
  - 10:00 - DEAR Read Aloud
  - 10:30 - History
  - 12:30 - Math
  - 1:45 - Health
- Friday
  - 10:00 DEAR Read Aloud
  - 10:30 - History
  - 12:30 - Math

### ● 8th Grade - week one

- Tuesday
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  - 10:30 - Math
  - 12:30 - English
  - 2:45 PE
- Thursday
  - 10:00 DEAR Read Aloud
- Wednesday
  - 10:00 - DEAR Read Aloud
  - 10:30 - Science
  - 12:30 - History
  - 2:30 - Health
- Friday
  - 10:00 DEAR Read Aloud

- 10:30 - Math
- 12:30 - English
- 1:45 Art

- 10:30 - Science
- 12:30 - History

## **Grading**

- A focus on keeping children emotionally and physically safe, fed, and engaged in learning is our first priority during this unprecedented time.
- Should focus on the continuation of learning and prioritize the connectedness and care for students and staff.
- All students will have the opportunity to redo, make up, or try again to complete, show progress, or attempt to complete work assigned prior to the remote learning period in that time frame.
- Students are expected to continue with the learning activities assigned during remote learning. Students who do not submit work will be issued an incomplete. When on-site instruction continues, incomplete grades will be addressed on a case by case basis. This is not a time for failing students or adversely impacting student learning progress.
- Students will be given letter grades. Students do not complete, need more time or need to work with a staff member on an assignment will be given an Incomplete for that work and will be expected to make that work up prior to the end of the school year.

Again, thank you for taking the time to read this information. We are doing our best to provide learning opportunities for your child that will challenge your child but not overwhelm him or her. Please communicate with your child's teacher or myself if you have any questions. Thank you for supporting us during this time.

Go Steamers!!