

### **When Will I Meet Our Teacher?**

Over the next several days, teachers will be contacting all families of students in their classroom. Teachers will introduce themselves, talk a little about your child's schedule, and inquire about technology. Fairfield will have a Meet the Teacher event via Zoom next week (Time TBA) where the teacher will have an opportunity to talk more in depth about the schedule for online learning.

### **What Will My Child Be Doing?**

In a nutshell, your child will be doing a combination of learning. Students in each class will be divided into two different cohorts – a morning group and an afternoon group. Regardless of the group they are in, students will only be actively participating with a teacher between the hours of 8:45 a.m. and 2:45 p.m., regular school hours.

If your child is in a morning session, they will begin their Zoom session with their teacher beginning at 8:45 am. Students will engage in Math, Reading, and community building activities. Students will be with their teacher for 1.5 hours (K-3) and 2 hours (4-5). After their Zoom session, students will be given directions for how the rest of their time will look. Some students will join interventions like Title, ELD, Speech/Language or Special Education. Students may also engage in video sessions with their PE or Music Teacher, or social skills activities with our counselor. Students will get a lunch break and then continue with assigned tasks that may or may not be on the computer.

If your child is in the PM session, they will begin working on tasks their teacher assigned to them from the day before as early as 8:45 a.m. Students should plan to work on assigned tasks for 30 minutes to 60 minutes depending on their grade level. Students will begin their Zoom session with their teacher at 12:15 p.m. They will follow the same schedule and will have time to go over work that was assigned. When they are finished with their teacher, they too will join interventions or engage in video sessions or assigned activities. The school day ends at 2:45 p.m.

### **What Will My Child Be Doing...Take 2?**

This will not look the same as distance learning in the spring. This will be more comprehensive with higher expectations for students. Students must participate in Zoom sessions with their teacher, and complete and turn in assignments. Students will be graded. Bethel School District is working on a report card that will align with Comprehensive Distance Learning.

For the first month of school, teachers will be focused on creating a classroom community, setting expectations for learning and teaching routines. We plan to take the time we need to help students learn how to access technology. Most important, we are focused on giving students time to talk to their peers and build a solid classroom community.

### **Chromebooks?**

Chromebooks have been distributed. If you did not get one and need one, please let me know and we can help. You cannot log in until next week when all students are in our system. We have a lot to continue to learn and we will help you along the way.

### **What If We Don't Have Supplies?**

We are preparing necessary supplies for every child, including their Math Journal. Information will be sent to you to arrange times for you to pick up a packet of supplies for your child. Students MUST take care of their Math Journal. When we return to Hybrid learning, students will need to return their Journals so they can be used at school.

### **Will Lunches Be Served?**

Yes! We will be serving meals every Tuesday and Thursday from 11:00 – 1:00 p.m. Students will receive more than a meal. They will get food for at least two days. The bags served will be larger than what they were receiving in the spring. Please let us know if you will need assistance accessing meals from school.

### **Break It Down For Me, Please?**

Students in Kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will be with their teacher for 1.5 hrs. They will be working with other teachers or engaging in other activities for 50 minutes. Finally, they will be working on assigned work from their teacher for 30 – 50 minutes.

Students in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be with their teacher for 2 hours. They will be working with other teachers or engaging in other activities for 30 minutes. Finally, they will be working on assigned work from their teacher for 55 – 60 minutes.

### **Important Dates:**

- **Week of September 8<sup>th</sup> – Meet Your Teacher Activity** – More information to come
- **September 14<sup>th</sup>** – School Starts for all students
  - o AM Session begins at 8:45 a.m.
  - o PM Session begins at 12:15 p.m.

We will stay connected. Please reach out to us with your questions. You can call or email. As most of you know me, this is the very day that I look forward to. This is the day we welcome you to the playground, barbeque hot dogs, and see so many excited kids. This year is different but I give you my word that we will do our absolute best to make the most of this experience for our kids and for you.

I know you have more questions. Please reach out.

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