

March 28, 2020

Dear Families,

We are excited to begin our distance learning classes this week. Kindergarten and first grade will be using a platform called Seesaw, and 2nd through 6th will be using Google Classroom. Students will have a Seesaw or Google Classroom for both their homeroom and math class. Teachers sent information on accessing these classrooms last Friday. They will be following up with families that may need assistance getting into the classrooms on Monday.

We will begin slowly with rolling out instruction and activities on these platforms. Next week, each math teacher will be adding at least one math lesson to their distance classroom, and classroom teachers will be adding one literacy component.

We understand that we have families facing many different difficulties during this time. We want to provide students with activities and lessons for those ready and able to embark on this learning journey. However, we know we have many families that will have limited time or resources for at-home instruction. Therefore, the Anchorage School District will not be grading students in kindergarten through eighth grade. We will also not be requiring any of these lessons or activities. However, if students turn activities back into their teachers, teachers will be able to provide feedback. We want students and families to work through things at their own pace and as their schedules allow.

Our specialists have also set up Google Classrooms. We will get that information to you soon. However, in the meantime, each specialist has provided students with several resources located on their school websites. We encourage families to look to these sites for P.E., art, Spanish, library, enrichment, and music activities. Below are the links for each of their sites:

[Ms. Julie - Music](#)

[Mr. Pugh - PE](#)

[Sra. Lisa - Spanish](#)

[Ms. Cam - Enrichment](#)

[Ms. Sharon - Library](#)

[Ms. Lisa - Art](#)

In addition to providing content on the distance classrooms, teachers will be holding office hours for their homerooms, math classes, and a class connect time once a week. The office hours for homerooms and math classes will be for students that have questions on the assignments that have been posted to the classrooms. This is not a social time for students. This time is meant for students or parents to pop into the Zoom session to get clarification. The class connect time will be more for students to connect with one another. Attached to this email you will find the schedule for office hours and class connect times. The Zoom sessions are linked, so you simply click on the session you'd like to join.

Please remember that the number one priority is that our students feel safe and loved. We miss each and every one of you, and we can't wait to all back at Aquarian together.

Sincerely,
Brittany