

March 31, 2020

Dear Families,

I hope everyone is hanging in there! Here is some guidance on what things will look like starting Monday, April 6th. As I mentioned in the past we will be transitioning to online learning for students in grades 1-5. Based on survey results it appears most kids are working between 1-3 hours a day and the majority of families are happy with this amount of time being spent on school work. As we transition to online programs we are guessing on how long the lessons will take as we haven't used these programs with our students before. Please provide your child's teacher with feedback if you feel as though they need more or less so we can adjust the expectations. The joy of Freckle and IXL is students can access the programs and do more than what was assigned if they choose to. Below is guidance on the programs we will be using as well as the amount of time students should be spending on each subject area. Please adjust the time based on your child's needs and grade level. You will get specific information on logins and assignments from your child's teacher in the next couple of days. We will also be moving to a 4 day week. Monday - Thursday students will have assignments and on Fridays teachers will be planning for the next week as well as reaching out to families and students to problem solve issues, provide support, etc. Friday, for students, will be a make-up day for any unfinished work or a chance for them to do activities that they want to do. It will also give parents a day to breathe (hopefully).

Reading and Language Arts - 30min - 1 hour/day

We will be using Freckle <https://www.freckle.com>. The children will take a short pretest (8-10 questions) that will determine their level. This program allows the teachers to track student progress as well as assign individual students' lessons based on their needs and level. The teachers will assign them lessons daily, ELA Targeted Skill. There will also be assignments for writing, reading aloud/silent reading, grammar, and handwriting that the teachers will assign daily on a rotating schedule.

Math- 30min - 1hour/day

We will be using Freckle <https://www.freckle.com>. The children will take a short pretest that will determine their level. The teachers will assign daily lessons, Targeted Math Skill Practice. Students will also have to complete two sessions of Math Fact Practice daily. There are also adaptive math lessons that they will be able to work on daily.

Science- approx 30 minutes 2 days/ week M and W

We will be using Generation Genius for science lessons <https://www.generationgenius.com/login/>. In the last Blizzard Bag we sent home a Generation Genius science packet. The students will watch a video and answer the question in the packet.

Social Studies - approx 30 min 2 days/week T and TH

We will be using IXL for Social Studies <https://www.ixl.com>. Teachers will let you know what lessons to do as well as possibly supplementing IXL with other resources depending on the grade.

Specials - 30 min/day follow suggested specials schedule

We encourage you to use the resources provided by the specialists to have the students participate in specials daily. We will continue to send home information from specialists as they develop them or feel free to plan your own activities.

Art - Mrs. Jimeno will be updating her website on the Mason School site on a regular basis with art activities - please look here for ideas

Monday - Art/Health

Tuesday - Art

Wednesday - Music

Thursday - PE

Friday - PE

If you haven't already, please have your child log into their chromebook. Please reach out to me, kkivela@sau89.org, if you are having any issues with your chromebook.

Be on the lookout for more specific information from your child's teacher. This will be an adjustment for all of us, so please don't worry if you run into issues. We will figure it out and make any adjustments necessary.

Monday, April 6th from 9-1 will be an opportunity for you to drop off any completed work you have from previous Blizzard Bags. Pull up front and we will come out and grab the materials from you. If you can't make it on Monday, no worries, we can make other plans. If you haven't completed everything don't worry about it. Pass in what you have done.

Remember if anyone needs breakfast or lunch for their children please let me know. We have food pick up every Monday and Wednesday at 9 am.

Kristen