



# St. Coletta Day School of Milwaukee

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**Weekly Update:** 12/09/2020

## **DATES TO REMEMBER / CALENDAR REMINDERS -**

December 11th - No School (Teacher work day)  
December 17th - Town Hall Parent meeting (6:00PM)  
December 22nd - iPad drop off (4:30PM to 6:00PM)  
December 23 thru January 1, 2021 - Christmas Break  
December 30th - iPad and 3rd Quarter materials pick up (4:30PM to 6:00PM)  
January 8th - No school (Teacher work day)

## **Staff Update**

Mr. Jake Birkholz will be joining us starting Monday, December 14. He will assume Ms. Sarah's caseload for the time that she is gone. Jake has a background that includes working with individuals with Special Needs, and is currently attending UWM working toward a degree in Exceptional Education. He says, "My passion in life is to help individuals realize their full potential." That statement is exactly in line with our Mission statement. We are excited to have him join our teaching team.

## **iPad Collection**

We will once again collect the school iPads for cleaning and updating during Christmas break. Please plan on dropping off your school iPad, charger and cord in it's blue St. Coletta bag. The iPad **drop off will be on Tuesday, December 22 between 4:30-6:00 PM**. We will follow the same procedure as before... pull up to the Gathering Space entrance to make the drop. Someone from the staff will come to your vehicle to get the iPad. We will update the iPads and have them ready for you to pick up again. The **pick up will be on Wednesday, December 30 between 4:30-6:00 PM**, again, at the Gathering Space location. Because we won't know what the weather will be like that day, please call and identify yourself when you pull up. From inside the building, we cannot see who is in the vehicle. Calling when you pull up will assure that we have your iPad ready to deliver. You should call Mr. Bill's cell number: 414-793-3622

## **Google Meet- Town Hall Parent Meeting**

We are scheduling a Town Hall type meeting similar to the Meet we held at the beginning of this school year. The purpose of this Meet is to give you an update on our Virtual Learning Plan and to remind you of the available resources for you to use. This Meet is designed to be a 'Listen and Learn' session as we continue our Virtual Learning format. The Meet is scheduled for Thursday, December 17 at 6:00 PM. Watch for the invitation!

## **"Chatting"**

There continues to be a challenge with the appropriate use of the chat feature in the classrooms. It has been explained to the students that the chat feature is a way of communicating for those individuals who need it. Some students have permission from their teachers in the classroom to ask or answer a question related to class. Students should be respectful and kind when using the chat feature. They may be asked to leave the classroom if they are using the chat inappropriately. Their parent(s)/guardian(s) will be notified immediately, and the student's behavior sheet will be amended to reflect the student's behavior. Please reinforce with your student why it's so important for the chat feature be available for their classmates to assist them with communication, and how important it is to be respectful and kind.

## **Read Aloud**

Believe it or not, we have finished another story in our 'Read Aloud' classroom! As is our practice, we choose books for 'Read Aloud' that we can follow up with a movie of the same name. In this case, we just finished 'How to Eat Fried Worms' by Thomas Rockwell. The students have certainly been enjoying the story... and poor Billy, having to eat 15 worms in 15 days! Now, don't let your kids talk you in to having fried worms for dinner or you're really going to have some explaining to them why they can't have a pet gorilla... (our next book is: 'The One and Only Ivan') We will show the movie in the 'Read Aloud' link in their schedule on Wednesday and Thursday this week. No need to look for another link on another day.

*Inspiration: "Kindness is the noblest weapon to conquer with" -American proverb*