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Weekly Update
9/17/2020

Hello everyone,

Virtual School

We have noticed a few things during our Virtual meetings. The students have been doing a wonderful job logging on for the Morning Meeting. Realizing that many of you are near the students and checking in on them periodically, we appreciate that very much. Please help them to remember that they need to mute their microphone when they are not speaking AND that their video should be on unless they are asked to turn it off. If they are turning off their video they are not earning all of their 'pluses' for that time period on their behavior sheet. Please check to be sure they are rating themselves honestly.

Work Space: As best you can, make sure the students are in their place with their device and the materials they need for that class. So many of you have helped to prepare a special place for our students to learn and that is great! The fewer distractions the students have, the better experience it will be for them.

Live Classroom Recordings: If you need the recording of any of the live classes, you can find the recordings on the classroom stream. Go to the class you need the recording for and look under the stream tab.

Classroom Invitations: Guardians please accept any invitations to join your student's classes. This lets the teachers email you a list of missing assignments.

Technical Issues: If you are having technical issues, you should contact Ms Courtney directly and she will note the issue and help you to resolve it.

Classwork Questions: Specific questions about lessons should be sent to the teacher whose class it is.

Music Class: Live Music Class starts this Friday 09/18/2020 at 1:30. The link has been added to your student's schedule.

How can I help my student with Virtual Learning: On GMA (Good Morning America) they suggested finding out how long your student can work independently by using a stopwatch or timer. Once you know that number, set a timer for yourself, and leave your student to work independently for that period of time. In that way you are helping them to be independent and self-sufficient. The thought is that they will be able to increase the amount of time they are independent.

Reminders:

Spirit week: Begins on Friday, 9/18/20. Friday is PJ day. Students and staff may come to class in their PJ's after they have finished their morning routine. Monday 9/21: Sports Teams, Tuesday 9/22: Hat Day, Wednesday 9/23: BW3 or Black & yellow, Thursday 9/24: St. Coletta Day School colors (Blue, gold, white) Have Fun!!!

Absences

We will continue to take daily attendance as we always have done following the procedures in the Family Handbook. While we are in a Virtual Learning model, the expectation is that students will be present every day. If you need to schedule an appointment, we ask that you keep it to a time of day that does not interfere with the student's daily schedule. Since we are in a Virtual Learning model, it is more important than ever that students join their class lessons. If a student is absent, it is not necessary for them to complete the Morning Meeting, Afternoon Meeting or Behavior Sheets. They are expected though to complete any assignments that are in their 'To Do' list. If a student misses part of a day because of an appointment, they are expected to complete a Behavior Sheet for the part of the day that they are in attendance.

Paperwork

Almost all of our families have turned in their paperwork at this point! Great job. If there are still items missing, Ms. Jen will let you know by email or USPS mail. **Please be sure to get your forms in as soon as possible.**

Upcoming Conference Opportunity

There is a conference for adoptive parents being presented by the Wisconsin Foster And Adoptive Parents Association Oct 2-3(registration is due by 9-21-2020). This is a small intimate conference. A great opportunity to connect with other foster and adoptive parents. Folks bring their families too. One of the speakers at this conference is a good friend of Ms. Rachel.

Inspiration: 'Never be afraid to try something new. Remember, amateurs built the 'Ark'. Professionals built the 'Titanic'.