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“Where Sharing is Caring”



Karen Scott-Piazza, Principal

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Dear PS 205 Families,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well! Congratulations on completing the first week of remote learning via Google Classrooms. As I visited all the classes, remotely, I was pleased by the high-level of student engagement and teacher’s creative assignments posted during the week. Let’s just pause for a moment...and realize, how within a very short period of time, we have made a transition (temporarily of course) to remote learning. Impressive. This is not to say that we didn’t experience a few glitches along the way. Thank you to families and students for demonstrating patience and understanding as teachers helped navigate the way into a new “ocean of learning”.

Today begins our second week of remote learning. Here are some things to consider as we help our students adjust to Google Classrooms:

- Parents should continue to monitor their children’s time spent on their devices. Encourage other forms of play that include art activities, reading, board games, puzzles, exercise, and when weather permits take a stroll outside while practicing social distancing protocols.
- Parents and students should continue to reach out to their classroom teacher with any questions regarding assignments, or any issues that arise.
- All students are **required** to log into Google Classrooms and enter their attendance every day. This is our only form of accountability that we have to ensure that each child is actively engaged in learning throughout the week. Please reach out to your child’s teacher if your child is experiencing any difficulty with the work.
- Students who have shown minimal engagement such as too many missing assignments and not enough log in times will be flagged as at-risk and Ms. Butler, our reading and data specialist, will be contacting those parents separately. Please remember that we are not sure how long we will be in this remote learning phase and I want to ensure that students are continuing to develop their reading and math skills, alongside other learning experiences. I also understand that this is a stressful time for families in general, especially for children of first responders. I am currently the afternoon/evening supervisor at the Regional Education Center at PS/IS 266 where children of first responders spend their day, Monday through Friday from 7:00AM to 6:00PM. I see first hand what some of you are going through. I am grateful to you and these wonderful people who are on the front line of COVID-19. Let’s keep them in our prayers.
- Please reach out to our parent coordinator, *Ms. Lilly Chu* at lchu@schools.nyc.gov if you are in need of any kind of support or guidance. She will direct your inquiry to the right person.
- If any family is in need of outreach, be it health, stress or illness, please reach out to our social worker, *Ms. Camille Satchwell* at csatchwell@schools.nyc.gov and she will direct you to the right organization for support.
- Also, Mr. Blum is just an email away at sblum3@schools.nyc.gov he can help guide you with tech issues and or questions related to Google Classrooms. Please search our website for Google Classrooms support.

May you and your families continue to stay healthy and safe during this challenging time! Please reach out with any questions. We are here for you.

Sincerely,

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