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Good Morning Harada Families!

I hope this message continues to find all of our families in good health. It is hard to believe that we are already entering the 5th week the school closures. Although each of our tracks is impacted differently based on on-track and off-track months, in the end we are all spending the majority of the last trimester of school working from home. This is incredibly hard for our teachers because they work so diligently in Trimester 1 and 2 to really see their students take off in Trimester 3. The good news is, our teachers have all done an amazing job of laying the foundations and now our Dragons get to fly from the comfort of their own homes.

As you are aware, CNUSD is officially launching Distance Learning tomorrow. Our teachers have been hard at work preparing for the last several weeks and many of you have already had the opportunity to get started with this new learning format. As we make the leap into Distance Learning, a few things to consider.

We don't have the technology we need to participate in Distance Learning.

The district sent a survey to all parents asking about internet and device need. You **MUST** complete this survey to be considered for the next round of device and internet deployment. If you did not receive the survey you can access it here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CNUSD2ndDeviceSurvey>

All of the teachers are providing Distance Learning in different formats.

Yes, just like in their classrooms, teachers continue to maintain the professional judgment to use the tools and resources they find the most appropriate for their classes. While there may be some minor differences in how Distance Learning is delivered, you will find that the majority of our teachers are continuing to use Remind, Class Dojo, and email while incorporating Google Classroom, SeeSaw, and Zoom. Teachers will also continue to use a combination of district provided curriculum as well enrichment resources that have been recommended by CNUSD.

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How much time should my child be spending on schoolwork each day?

The time expectations of Distance Learning will not be a minute for minute match for what would happen in the traditional classroom. On average, a 1st-6th grade elementary school student should be participating in about 10-15 hours of schoolwork per week, with Kindergartners participating in 5-10 hours per week. Not all of this time will require that a student sit in front of a device. The time could be made up of any combination of iReady Reading and Math, classroom Zoom meetings, silent reading, journal writing, art activities, family science experiments, outdoor PE challenges, practicing musical instruments, Kahn Academy Math Lessons, Benchmark reading lessons, etc.

What happens if we can't get all of the assigned work done?

One of the main goals of Distance Learning through COVID-19 is to provide flexibility in learning. This flexibility is meant for the families as well as the teachers. Many teachers will be providing weekly assignments for students to complete over the course of time, on days and at a pace that works for the student. We know that families are struggling with new and different routines, and with many parents working from home, balancing schedules and access to technology can be a challenge. Our teachers are facing these exact same challenges in their own homes as they figure out how to balance teaching their students while continuing to be there for their personal children as well. If you are struggling with the completion of work, please communicate directly with your child's teacher. The teacher will work with you to come up with a plan that eases the burden while ensuring your child still has access to the learning they are entitled to.

What if I want more work for my child than the teacher is providing?

The district will continue to update the [Enrichment Website](#) if you are looking for additional activities for your child to engage in.

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How will Distance Learning be graded?

Our teachers will be following grading practices that are in alignment with state guidance to hold students harmless as a result of school closures. The goal is for students to be educated to the best of their abilities during Distance Learning, yet we do not want their grades to be penalized because of this unprecedented crisis. Trimester 3 grades for elementary students will be based on all school work completed through Trimester 2. Any Distance Learning assignments completed up to the end of the school year can only serve to improve a student's grade, not lessen it. Just like in the traditional school setting, grading of individual assignments is based on the professional judgment of the teacher and at the teacher's discretion. Please communicate with your child's teacher directly for what their grading policy will look like during Distance Learning.

When will we be able to pick up personal belongings left on campus, Spring Pictures, Yearbooks, etc?

We understand the importance of these items. Once the Public Health Orders allow for families to leave their homes and for school employees to be on campus, we will be able to provide a plan for you.

What do I need to do to be ready for next school year?

Online re-enrollment is currently taking place and this year you can do it from your MOBILE DEVICE!! Now is the time make sure your child is ready for next school year! Click [here](#) for more information.

We hope you are enjoying your time together as a family and are staying happy and healthy! Please continue to monitor the [Harada Facebook](#) page to stay connected to our school, as well as the [CNUSD Facebook](#) page and website for the most current updates! You can also reach me directly at ejenson@cnusd.k12.ca.us.

Sincerely,

Dr. Erica Jenson

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