Clark-Wilkins Update **April 17, 2020**

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Google Classroom Guardian Access:

Guardians should have received an email, inviting you to access your child's Google classrooms as a guardian. This will allow you to receive email summaries of the activity in the classroom including information about missing work, upcoming work, and class activity. The guardian email summaries will help you to support your student with managing their time and assignments. You can control the frequency of the email summaries after you accept the invitation from the teacher. Please see this FAQ guide for more information.

Update: Our students have been working very hard, and they would not be able to do so without all of the support from our families. Thank you for meeting with teachers, assisting your students with using technology to connect with their teachers and classmates, and serving as a strong partner with us throughout this experience.

In the coming weeks, we will be working with our teachers on our student placement process for next year. As we design classes for next year, our goal will be to maintain our current K and 1 student groupings to the highest degree possible. We recognize the importance of maintaining student peer connections and plan to keep similar peer groupings from current classes at other grade levels to move into the new school year. We will be reaching out to parents soon to share more details on our protocol and process for placement.

As we look ahead, we will be designing programming for next year to ensure that concepts from our remote learning are reviewed prior to layering in grade level topics. We will also provide opportunities for our staff to work together to discuss the needs of each of our students as learners and work collaboratively in the beginning of the year for these transitions.

We are hopeful that we will be able to provide experiences for our elementary school students this summer. We would like for students and teachers to have a chance for an in person meet up to provide a sense of closure for this year. We are in the process of developing a plan for students to meet their new teacher for next year over the summer. If we are unable to host an in-person meet up, we will make adjustments and plan for virtual introductions. In addition, we are also looking to provide meaningful summer experiences and learning opportunities for all students. We look forward to sharing more information as it becomes available.

STAY CONNECTED!

CHECK OUT SOME OF OUR VIDEOS!

TEACHER'S PETS

STAFF DANCE CHALLENGE #1

STAFF DANCE CHALLENGE #2

STUDENT DANCE VIDEO #1

STUDENT DANCE VIDEO #2

STUDENT DANCE VIDEO #3

STUDENT DANCE VIDEO #4 (NEW)

Grading and Reporting Update:

As a reminder, we will not be sending home a Quarter 3 progress report due to our transition to remote learning and disruption to our typical classroom instruction and reporting process. Teachers are continuing to provide feedback to students on skills and concepts they are learning during our remote instruction and we will be sending home a final report card that will be a narrative outlining your child's progress throughout the entire school year.

Golden Spatula Lunches are BACK!

Hello Clark-Wilkins Families! One of the things we have missed most are our Golden Spatula Luncheons with Hootie. We have heard that you have all been working so hard during remote learning and we would love to celebrate with a Golden Spatula Luncheon for each grade level. Please join your principal, assistant principals, and Hootie on Zoom for a lunch with your grade on the following days:

Kindergarten - Friday April 24th - 12:00 to 12:30
1st Grade - Friday May 1st - 12:00 to 12:30
2nd Grade - Thursday May 7th - 12:00 to 12:30
3rd Grade - Friday May 15th - 12:00 to 12:30
4th Grade - Friday May 22nd - 12:00 to 12:30

Please feel free to bring your lunch with you and dress up for our celebration. We would also ask that you bring a paper and a writing tool to play a game. ***Zoom links will be emailed out the Monday before each scheduled lunch.*** We hope you can join us!

The Clark-Wilkins Leadership Team