Virtual Learning Information

I wanted to take this time to update you on a few things regarding virtual learning. At this time, we are still planning on attending school face to face, five days a week for as long as we can. However, I am worried that at some point there could be a mandated shut down where we have to close school in person or we might have to close for a few days or weeks due to cases in the school like the high school is doing right now. I just want to make sure the students and parents are prepared should this happen. I have been working with the students in class to teach them how to use canvas and how to navigate through our learning sites. They are doing very well with this! One thing that will be different this year should we go virtual, is all teachers will be streaming live lessons throughout the school day. I will be getting on zoom for each subject throughout the day to teach a lesson. I’ll teach the lesson and show students what they need to do. Then, they can get off of zoom and complete their work. They will have to get back on again when it’s time for the next subject. I understand if parents are working, this will be very difficult and your child may need to wait and complete their work in the evening. That is completely fine! When I am streaming the live lessons, I will also be recording them. I will post the recordings to canvas with the assignments, so that the students can still access it later on if they need to. It is imperative that the students complete their work each day, as I will be taking attendance and grading assignments just as if they were in the classroom. I also have office hours built into my schedule every day, so if the students have questions they can get onto zoom to ask me for help or email me. I will also be checking my email throughout the day if they need help during a time that isn’t office hours. If your child is working in the evening and they need help, just email me. I might not be able to answer until the next morning, but I will help as soon as I can. I understand this will be an adjustment, so I have been working hard to teach the Chromebooks to the students so hopefully it is a smooth transition. Below is some information on how to navigate canvas and where to find the zoom links and assignments.

\*Again, there is NO plan to go virtual. I am just sending this all home as a precaution so we are prepared and ready if it would happen.

1. Log in to chromebook using the student’s email and password. Email is lastnamefirstname@wcsdstudents.org. Password is Id and then their lunch number. Ex: Id123456.
2. Go to the district homepage and click on “Click here to login to Canvas” on the right side.
3. Students should automatically be logged in. If not, they just need to enter the same email and password they use to get onto their chromebook.
4. Once on the Canvas dashboard, they will see my class listed along with their specials. They will click on my class for everything with me and click on their special when it’s time for special.
5. Click on my class. My home page will pop up. The reading, math, spelling, and science links are on this page. You can also click on my picture to go to my school website for information.
6. From the homepage, if you click on the blue “view all pages” button. This will show you the homepage, classroom links, help desk, and virtual information pages. You can click on any of those if you need. The classroom links has some extra links on it that the homepage doesn’t have. The help desk is where you can go for help during office hours.
7. To see the day’s assignments and zoom links, click on the “modules” tab on the left side.
8. You will see “Week of 11/16” or whatever week it is. Under that you will see a tab listed for each day and subject.
9. Click on the tab to see the assignment. For example, you could click “Reading Tuesday” to see Tuesday’s reading assignment. Inside this tab is where you will find the zoom link to live stream the lesson I’m teaching. This is also where the video recording will be posted if you’re watching it later. I will also write the directions for the assignments students are to do on their own in this space.
10. I will have the website links in this assignment spot that will take the students to their assignments, along with the directions on what I want them to do. However, you can also find all of the sites we will be using from either the classroom links page or the homepage.

\*I will discuss this more during conferences, so please read this before then so we can go over any questions you may have. It might take some trial and error to see what works best as far as posting and doing assignments and zoom sessions, but this is the plan for now and what we have been practicing. You will be surprised at how great the students are with all of this. Also, anytime your child would rather write on paper instead of the chromebook screen, that is perfectly okay! For example, the math interactive lessons have cubes, counters, and a pen they can use to do the problems. The students seem to like using those but if they would rather write on paper that is fine.