

April 17, 2020

Dear First Grade Families,

Thank you for your continued support and patience as we navigate the best way to implement distance learning. The first grade team has been working together to apply the new guidelines from PWCS to our existing Learning Choice Boards. We wanted to take some time to explain the changes we have made.

The Learning Choice Boards will now include direct instruction from the first grade team in addition to activity choices. You will find a link to a mini lesson in each subject on the left-hand side of the choice board. If you are unable to click the links directly from the document, you can type the bit.ly link into your web browser and you will be taken to a video playlist where you can find the mini lesson video. We suggest that your child watches the mini lesson videos on Monday before doing any of the activity choices. These mini lessons review previously taught content and will set the stage for the learning activities on the choice board. The activities on the choice board add up to 60 minutes per subject each week.

Another change we've made is that we will now be collecting student work. We will not be grading anything that is turned in, but we would love to see your child's work! Each week, we will select one activity per subject that your child will have the option to turn in. These activities will have 3 asterisks (***) next to them to indicate that they are the ones we are collecting. You can submit your child's work by taking a picture of it and sending it via e-mail or ClassDojo.

The final change is the addition of virtual office hours. My office hours will be held from 10-11 am on Tuesdays. This isn't really much of a change as I have done my best to be available every single day to answer any questions or concerns via e-mail or ClassDojo ☺ Please continue to contact me whenever a question or concern may arise. I am here to support you and your child every step of the way in this distance learning journey!

Thank you again for everything that you are doing to support your child's continued learning. I am so grateful to work with such incredible families.

Sincerely,

Cathy Renfrow and the First Grade Team