Message to Parents 8/17/20

Dear MES Families,

As we anticipate the opening of the 20/21 school year, we are intently preparing for a multitude of changes in the way we teach and learn. Please know how hard teachers have been working to learn new technology systems and tools which will ensure an efficient, engaging school experience for your children even if we cannot be physically present together.

Linked in this letter are grade-specific schedules and expectations for virtual learning. Though these schedules are recommended and most ideal, we recognize that families may encounter circumstances which will make adhering to this schedule challenging. For this reason, whole group instruction will be recorded and shared for viewing at other times. Office hours allow teachers to work with individual students and small groups at different times in the day, as needed.

A great deal of time will be dedicated to relationship-building and establishing routines and procedures at the start of the year. Having the opportunity to bring children to school on August 27th to pick up materials from school staff will allow us to begin shaping these relationships. You will find a link to your child’s teacher’s sign up in the grade level schedule document linked below. You can expect class time during the first few weeks to be dedicated to cultivating relationships between students and their teachers.

We acknowledge the challenge of preparing our youngest learners for a virtual classroom when they may not be accustomed to accessing instruction from a computer. We know it will be initially difficult to adjust to a schedule requiring a series of virtual meetings. We know that students miss their friends and teachers, and they miss our school. We also know that we will continue to do everything it takes to make this a successful experience where children are challenged and learning. Thank you for your tireless support of our teachers and school.

You can expect to receive an email from your child’s teacher this week, and I welcome any questions you may have now that a school schedule is more clearly defined. I look forward to greeting you on August 27th and know it will be a great year of innovation and growth!

Sincerely,
Jennifer Schrecongost, Principal

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