

April 28, 2020

Dear First Grade Families,

We hope you are all doing well and staying healthy. With the new At Home Learning format, a few questions came up that hopefully we can clarify. The First Grade Learning Checklist has learning targets Manz first graders have been working on all year. There will not be any new concepts or skills taught. The district recommendation is that first graders spend 30 minutes per day (M-F) working on math, reading, writing and music, art and PhyEd. (MAPE). For example, your child may want to work on reading and/or writing for 15 minutes per day and then complete a math activity for 10 minutes. He/she could then choose a MAPE activity for the remaining 5 minutes. There is no need to submit completed work as we will not be grading or documenting events in Skyward. The bonus section includes links we felt enhanced the essential learning for the week. Our goal is to have students connected to their learning during this time. There may be days when nothing is completed due to home schedules and other days when they want to complete more. Please be assured that it is ok to do whatever works best for your family.

Beginning in May, first grade teachers are hoping to connect with all of their students via *phone call*. Some may have already scheduled a time, but we just wanted to remind others to send your child's teacher a date, time and phone number that works best with your schedule. At this time, we have chosen phone over video as we feel this allows everyone to focus on the conversation and not all the other visual distractions. We know how precious this time will be and want everyone to be fully engaged. We look forward to visiting with your child as this is a wonderful way to stay connected!

The communication from your homes has been delightful! We just love seeing a window into your day, so please continue to send pictures, letters and videos our way as they really put a spring into our step. We are also working on digital memory books, so if you haven't sent a picture, please do as we want all students to be included.

As a reminder, you can still communicate with us through our school phone number. We have an app that allows us to receive calls.

Mrs. Bauer: 715-852-3923

Mrs. Brandt: 715-852-3921

Mrs. Decker: 715-852-3929

As always, if you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your child's teacher at any time.

Take Care,

Mrs. Bauer, Mrs. Brandt and Mrs. Decker