

June 1, 2020

Dear First Grade Families,

As we end our last week together, we want to remind you that barcoded and technology school materials will be collected at Manz on June 8<sup>th</sup> and June 9<sup>th</sup>. Watch your email for more detailed information coming soon.

Some students might have classroom materials (books from the classroom library, cards or dice from math games, etc.). Please do not return those items on June 8<sup>th</sup> and June 9<sup>th</sup>. Collecting and organizing books and technology materials is an extensive and time-consuming job. Keep the other items from your child's classroom teacher through the summer, and when school resumes next school year, you can stop in and say hello to us and return those materials then. Please note that some classroom teachers have old materials that were discarded from the library that might still have a barcode. If it's crossed out, then it's likely a classroom book that can stay with you for the summer. If you're unsure, you can send us a picture and we can tell you if it should be returned on June 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup>.

This last week typically brings a sense of closure as students clean out their desks, gather artwork, reminisce, and make summer plans. It's a time to celebrate friendships, and academic and personal growth. First graders have been through a lot of changes these last couple of months, and they worked hard through it all. While we won't be together to celebrate, we still encourage you to have a small celebration with your child to help bring that sense of closure. Then, let them have their well-deserved break and enjoy summer!

We hope you also take some time to celebrate all YOU have done. We want to thank you and congratulate you on a job well done. Since the middle of March we've given you resources you've never seen and provided you with lessons to teach that have taken us years to learn. We've asked you to provide the routine and structure of a modified school day while you've worked from home or went to your job as an essential worker, cared for your family, and adjusted to a very different way of life. You did it all, and we're proud and grateful to have had you all on our teaching team these last several weeks. Thank you for sharing your ideas, questions, frustrations, and successes. You have made us better teachers through all of this.

As you enjoy this last week of learning with your child, please continue to reach out to us if you have questions about the activities on our At-Home Learning Checklist.

<http://www.ecasd.us/Manz-Elementary/Academics/At-Home-Learning/1st-Grade-Activities>

With thanks,

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