

Dear Fifth Grade Manz School families,

Our hearts go out to you and your families during this time. We hope this message will help answer questions that you have as well as provide you with some guidance on how we plan to go forward with our 5th grade school year. Although there are many unknowns, it is comforting to know we are all working together to stay safe and healthy.

As of now, school will be closed through April 3<sup>rd</sup>, and students are expected to return on Monday, April 6th. As we all know, things can change quickly, so if there are any updates to this return date, we will be sure to communicate those with you as soon as possible. Next week, March 23-27, will still be our district's "spring break", meaning services typically provided by the district, such as meals, will not be available during those dates.

Yesterday, we sent home your child's iPad, keyboard, and charger. In addition, we also sent home Math Homework and Remembering books, students' Writing notebooks and folders, sketch books, recorders, and any pens, crayons, markers, etc. your child chose to bring home. Lastly, in a large zip-loc bag, we included your child's iPad log-in information, a note from the Manz office, an internet safety agreement, a flyer offering free wi-fi, and three envelopes. Included in a smaller baggie are creative activities your child can choose from.

\*We want to stress that the items and resources we sent home as well as in this document are all "supplemental" to learning we have already done here at school. This means that there is no "new" learning. Nothing will be collected, graded, or assessed, and what your child chooses to complete of the materials provided is entirely up to you and them.

#### Communication and Resources

We met with students at school yesterday to review a communication platform called **Google Classroom**. This is an app or website that students can access to find resources such as links to websites or ideas for applications, as well as see updated posts and respond to discussions. Students are in a "classroom" with only the students in their class at Manz, meaning that what is posted on this site is private to those people.

Here is a link for directions on how to set up Google Classroom\* [Google Classroom Set Up](#)

Students can access this app daily to check for new resources and posts. We also want you to know that anything shared with your child by us on Google Classroom will also be shared to all of you via email so you will be aware of all that is posted each day. Please note that students should not be emailing each other.

\*We are working on an issue with a message: **Proxy Authentication Required** that is preventing some students from accessing this app. We will update you when we have a solution.

In addition to Google Classroom, please use the **Manz At Home Learning page** to access resources (these have also been included [here](#)):

<https://www.ecasd.us/Manz-Elementary/Academics/At-Home-Learning/5th-Grade-Activities>

**Technology Questions**

If you have any technology questions please contact us and we will help find a solution as quickly as possible.

**Safety Patrol**

Message from Ms. Bednar regarding patrol

Good Morning Safety Patrol Families,

During this crazy time of social distancing and schools being closed, duties of safety patrol are currently on pause. That being said, once we do come back to school, the current session of students will stay on duty until we get back into routine and we can sign up for new positions. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me!

Ms. Bednar

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Although this message was lengthy we hope it helped answer some of your questions.

**Please respond to this email to let us know that you received it,** as well any questions you have or if you would like to use a different email account.

Thank you for your flexibility and support!

Stay healthy,

Ms. Maki and Mr. Winters