



### Dear Parents,

We are taking advantage of free use of *Waggle's* digital, personalized learning platform. They have offered it to our district during this unprecedented time. We believe it will help us target essential learning for your child, as well as differentiate to meet his/her needs. Despite school closures, students will benefit from features like embedded hints and encouragement that foster a growth mindset - especially important when students and teachers are unable to meet in person. After analyzing this program, we believe it will be an excellent way for us to pinpoint essential learning for your child.

### How do I get my child started?

1. Have your child watch the 4-minute Waggle Walk Through Video, demonstrating how to use Waggle: [https://players.brightcove.net/68348719001/default\\_default/index.html?videoId=614228704000](https://players.brightcove.net/68348719001/default_default/index.html?videoId=614228704000)
2. Your child will access Waggle by logging in through Clever on the ECASD website. (Please note: The video does not give the correct directions for signing into Waggle. Those directions are below.)
  - On your child's iPad, go to the ECASD Start Page. (Many students have this book marked on their home screen. If not, a simple Google search of "ECASD Start Page" will get you there.)
  - Tap on the Clever button, and scroll down - the Waggle button is towards the bottom of the screen.
  - Tap on Waggle. Your child should be taken right to their dashboard where assignments appear. If he/she need to login, use their district login (username: id#@ecasd.us, password: lunch number)

### How can I support my child's progress in Waggle?

Success in *Waggle* has a lot to do with how students approach the program. *Waggle* is designed to "meet the student where they are" when presenting appropriately leveled questions to your child. To have the most engaging and effective experience, remind your child of these *Waggle* best practices:

- Slow Down and take your time
- Read everything on the page, closely and carefully BEFORE checking your answer
- Use your hints! They never count against you!

It is okay if your child gets a question wrong because *Waggle* will analyze why and how they got it wrong and provide the next practice item to address your child's learning needs.

We will be using *Waggle* to differentiate and assign work based on essential learning targets. We know there will be a learning curve, but believe it will be worth it in the long run. We are learning too, and are here to help with questions!

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