

## Mr. McCurdy's 4th Grade Distance Learning Information Guide

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! I am Mr. McCurdy, your child's 4th Grade teacher. I look forward to virtually meeting all of you. Thank you so much for your patience and support during this unprecedented time. I want to supply everyone with some information, which will hopefully make this transition to distance learning smoother.

### Quick Overview

- I (and specialists) am going to do **ALL** the teaching; I only need parents to make sure students attend live meetings DAILY and complete assignments.
- Checking emails for communication is a necessity.
- Students need to have academic integrity and be responsible to complete their work.
- Daily attendance is required! This is attending LIVE sessions
- Students will be on a daily schedule
- Google Classroom and Zoom will be our main platforms.
- **Students will join my Google Classroom on the first day of school. Parents will be invited to join to help monitor student work**

### What You Can Expect from Me:

- I will teach the same curriculum and standards to your children as I would have in the regular classroom with minimal work on your end. I do not expect parents to teach the curriculum to their children. However, due to this unique circumstance, students might need a lot more prompting at home to participate and complete their assignments.
- Even though students will be at home, I will still be giving live instruction through Zoom, Google Classroom, and other platforms.
- I will be present and available during typical school hours.
- I will be here to help you and your child to the best of my ability.
- This is new for all of us so I will adjust as needed!

### My Expectations for Students:

- Check-in to daily Zoom sessions (failure to check-in is an absence).
- Check Google Classroom daily.
- Complete daily assignments and turn in on time.
- Academic integrity- meaning no cheating or copying on classwork.
- Communicate with me frequently.
- Maximum effort in all core subjects.

**My Expectations for Parents:**

- Ensure your child is signing on to Zoom meetings and Google Classroom daily
- Remind your child to do schoolwork daily.
- Check that your child has turned in all assignments.
- Communicate with me if there are any problems or concerns.
- Please check your emails and provide feedback when needed.

**How this will Work**

- Students will sign-in to Google Classroom at the start of every morning and click on the posted link that will take them to the live Zoom session. This session will remain open during their whole scheduled time slot to communicate with me as they would in a classroom setting.
- During LIVE sessions, I will provide lectures, discussions, and be available to help with assignments.
- During INDEPENDENT work, students will be required to complete assignments on their own. These assignments will require little guidance. If they need help, students may wait until we are back in Zoom or during designated office hours. During their independent work I will not be available for immediate feedback as I will be teaching the other half of the class.
- Students will need to keep track of time when on break or during independent work
- Work is to be turned in by the assigned due date.
- Students can email me or post on Google Classroom with any questions they have.

**Zoom/Google Meet Requirements**

- Due to the fact that we can see everyone on Zoom, it is required that students are appropriately dressed (think school dress code) and in a place in the house where nothing inappropriate can be viewed.
- Students will need to use their real names for the Zooms (no code names/nicknames)
- Students will remain muted until it is their turn to speak. I will show them how to use these programs.

**Office Hours**

- You can email me any time, and I will do my best to get back to you ASAP.
- I will be available through Zoom during office hours (check schedule)

**Schedule:** Students are expected to behave with the same etiquette they would in class. The tables below are the daily schedule. The first week of school will look different from the regular school schedule. During the first week I will be setting up class rules/expectations and helping students get set up with various online programs.

## Mr. McCurdy's First Week of School Schedule

<b>Monday - Friday</b>	
<b>8:00-8:15</b>	<b>Whole Class Morning Meeting</b>
<b>8:15-9:05</b>	<b>Whole Class Instruction</b>
<b>9:05-9:20</b>	<b>Brain Break</b>
<b>9:20-10:20</b>	<b>Whole Group Instruction</b>
<b>10:20-10:55</b>	<b>Group A Zoom/Group B Independent Work</b>
<b>10:55-11:30</b>	<b>Group B Zoom/Group A Independent Work</b>
<b>11:30-12:15</b>	Independent PE/ Independent Reading or Activity Small Group Zoom Session (Student will be asked to meet one day M-F)
<b>12:15-12:45</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>12:45-2:30</b>	<b>Conferences with Parents &amp; Students as Needed (not on Wednesday)</b>

<b>Group A:</b>	<b>Group B:</b>
Amelia America Isaiah Juliana Faith Aubrey Hektor Thao Han Alexander Brooklyn Jeremiah Lily Loren Tyler	Archie Matthew Dalia Nolan Natalia Valerie Francisco Mia Ernesto Juliet Makayla Amaiya Landon Christopher Isabel

## Mr. McCurdy's Daily Class Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday	
8:00-8:15	Morning Meeting
8:15-9:05	Whole Group Math
9:05-9:20	Brain Break
9:20-10:00	Group A Writing/Group B Free Time
10:00-10:40	Group B Writing/Group A Free Time
10:40-11:30	Group A Reading/Group B Free Time
11:30-12:00	Whole Group Specialist
12:00-12:20	Whole Group Social Studies
12:20-12:50	Lunch
12:50-1:40	Group B Reading/Group A Free Time
1:40-2:15	Small Group ELD/Independent Work
2:15-2:30	Teacher Office Hours

Wednesday	
8:00-8:15	Morning Meeting
8:05-9:05	Whole Group Science
9:05-9:20	Brain Break
9:20-10:00	Group A Reading/Group B Independent Work
10:00-10:40	Group B Reading/Group A Independent Work
10:40-11:30	Whole Group Math
11:30-12:00	Specialist
12:00-12:20	Small Group ELD/Independent Work
12:20-12:50	Lunch
12:50-1:10	Teacher Office Hours

Red: Whole Group Blue: Group A Purple: Group B

## Questions and Answers

- ***How does my child sign on to Zoom?*** A link will be posted to Google Classroom and ParentSquare.
- ***How does my child sign on to Google Classroom?*** When your child signs into their school computer they will automatically be logged into Google Classroom. After joining my classroom on the first day of school it does not need to be joined again.
- ***Can I (the parent) access Google Classroom?*** I will send out an invitation for you to join your child's account
- ***How does Google Classroom work?*** It is where assignments, announcements, and links can be posted. All work will be accessed and turned in to Google Classroom.
- ***Will my child be behind due to distance learning?*** The goal is to have your child up to date with all learning. However, this will depend greatly on their effort and commitment at home. They will need to be proactive and responsible. It will require them to put in daily effort to complete assignments and ask for help when needed.
- ***What if my child finishes the daily work sooner than the allotted time and still needs/wants more to do?*** Please have your child check all work to make sure it is done correctly and is answered completely. I can provide some extension assignments for those who want/need more to do.
- ***What if my child is struggling to complete all work during the allotted time?*** If your child is spending more than the allotted class time focused on completing his/her work, please contact me so we can figure out a solution.

## Main Take-Aways

- Please don't feel stressed; I know this is strange and unfamiliar. I am here for you and your child and I plan to teach all of the lessons so your children can do their work independently.
- Please ensure your child is checking in and doing classwork daily. It counts for attendance.
- Google Classroom is our virtual classroom and will be where all directions, lessons, and assignments are listed. Zoom will be how we interact with each other in LIVE sessions.
- Classwork will be similar to what we would do in class. Mainly the teaching portion will look different as we will now be doing it virtually.
- **Checking ParentSquare is extremely important as it is our main avenue for communication.**

**Thank you for all you do. I am looking forward to a wonderful school year!**

**Ryan McCurdy**