

Weekly Updates

This document can be found in CANVAS. Click on "Weekly updates". No later than Monday morning new updates for the week will be posted here. The newest information will be placed at the top.

8/25/20

Parents and families,

I hope you all enjoyed the beautiful weekend. It is hard to believe we are already 5 weeks in. I have really enjoyed getting to know the kids. They are doing great. This week we will continue to be working on Characterization. Students should be reading a book of their choice independently each day. The work we are doing requires them to use their own book to respond to the lessons and strategies learned. Students can reserve books through the media center and have them delivered to the classroom if needed.

GRADES

The grading period ends Sept. 25th. Except for assignments that were turned in Friday PowerSchool should be up to date. The new assignments will be entered soon. I have reminded students that all assignments should be submitted correctly to CANVAS. We have reviewed this many times. There is a video under "FAQ videos" on CANVAS that gives detailed instructions if needed. I want to remind everyone that assignments not turned in on time will have 10 points deducted each day. After 5 days the score will remain a zero. This is more lenient than my normal policy as I know this has been an adjustment for us all. I have been very understanding in this area so far. I appreciate your support as I hold students accountable moving forward.

LIVE CLASS MEETINGS

It is very important students attend our live class meetings. There is one every day at the beginning of class. I am delivering instruction and keeping the meeting link open for the duration of class. Students can stay on while they work and ask questions if needed. This is an excellent opportunity to get helpful hints and real time help. Please encourage your child to participate actively during these meetings by sharing their camera and unmuting their mic to answer questions and hold discussion. (FYI-Typically I am the only one that is seeing them. The students don't have the gallery view. At least that is what I am being told)

Dates

Students should click on the "daily" buttons corresponding with the day of the week at the top of our CANVAS page to see the assignments for the day. This is a step by step set of instructions for what to accomplish each day. Below you will find a few important things to remember for the week.

9/22/20 Reading tracking form- Students will fill this out every Monday to record how much they read the week before. It is on the "Monday" daily button on CANVAS.

9/23/20 Digital Notebook- Students will submit the Characterization work we have been doing in their digital notebook. We will still be working on this notebook. I am simply checking in to see that everyone is on track.

9/25/20 STEMS 9A test- Students should sign on and join class meetings. Students will then proceed to take the stems test during class time. The test will close at 4:30. Should someone be absent or sick on Friday the test will be reopened on Monday for them.

I hope you all have a great week. Please let me know if you have any questions. Below you will find a note from the guidance counselors and student council. I sent it to the students as well.

Our school is celebrating #StartWithHello Week to raise awareness about social isolation and create a culture of inclusion. **Please help us to support the cause by wearing Green on your in-person learning day.**