



Dear Lead Families-

We have almost completed the first week of the school year and thank you for your dedication to helping your child connect and learn online. I want to recognize and acknowledge the immense amount of time and patience you have shown this week and I am happy we are a team. On Monday during Materials Distribution, our famous Lead Owl helped me with a first day of school video you can enjoy and show your child [HERE](#). OWL bet it was a HOOT! And thank you, PTA for the filming!

We have received several questions this week about distance learning. Please review our [Lead Distance Learning Parent Handbook 2020-2021](#) (ENGLISH) and [Lead Aprendizaje a distancia Manual para las familias 2020-2021](#) (SPANISH) that was emailed on Monday and is on our [website](#). Also, please find out more about our new math curriculum, Zearn, by clicking [HERE](#). We will have future material distribution days as well so please stay updated by checking your email for messages from me.

ATTENDANCE: If your child is going to be absent from online instruction at any time, please call (650) 312-7549 and leave a message. Please also message your child's teacher. It is important that your child connect and participate online every school day.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHTS: Thank you to the families that attended our Principal Back to School Night as well as Preschool, Third Grade, and Fourth Grade events. Here are the remaining events for the week:

- TK and Kindergarten: Friday, August 21 at 6:00pm via Google Meet
- First Grade: Thursday, August 20 at 5:00pm via Zoom
- Second Grade: Thursday, August 20 at 6:00pm via Zoom
- Fifth Grade: Thursday, August 20 at 6:30pm and 7:00pm via Zoom

TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT: All students are expected to be online and connected with their classroom every school day. If you need a Chromebook or an Internet hotspot, or both, please email me at cslife@smfcsd.net. If you need technology support, please fill out a Tech Help Ticket and also message your child's teacher to let them know of any barriers or problems:

English Tech Help Ticket: [Click here](#)

Spanish Tech Help Ticket: [Click here](#)

Please also visit [SMFCSO Family Resources: Distance Learning](#). Please find past Principal Newsletters on our website: <http://lead.smfcsd.net/about-lead/principals-message.html>.

Please contact me with any questions. Continue to HOOT with Excellence, Lead Owls!

Regards,

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