

April 26, 2020

Dear Audubon Families,

We hope you are doing well. Phase II of Distance Learning began on Wednesday, April 22. Hopefully, your children have been able to join your teacher's Google Classroom and start working on the posted assignments and activities. Many of you have also been able to join your teacher's Google Hangouts meet sessions. Our teachers have shared how nice it is to reconnect with students and how respectful and engaged students are during the online meetings. Phase II may feel different than Phase I. Here are some updates:

### **Priorities for Distance Learning**

- Stay connected to students and families.
- Simplify expected outcomes for Distance Learning. We will continue to engage students in learning during Phase II.
- Strengthen and make equitable the digital delivery of Distance Learning.
- Be patient with ourselves and each other as we all get better at this.

### **Distance Learning expectations for TK/5 students**

- Read and write daily.
- Complete the learning activities provided in Google Classroom and/or hard-copy materials
- Play inside or outside and complete PE assignments for at least 30 minutes a day
- Attend teachers check-ins.
- Watch the instructional videos your teacher provides.

### **Ways to support Distance Learning at home**

- Read your teacher's weekly message.
- Follow SMFCSD Technology Use Agreement to ensure that student privacy is protected.
- Help your child organize the learning schedule.
- Communicate with your child's teacher if your family needs resources.
- Set-up an area that is conducive to learning.
- Talk to your child about their assignments
- Email your teacher if you have questions.
- Balance Distance Learning with the needs of your own work and family needs.
- Encourage attendance, as much as possible, to any live or recorded teaching.

### **Work Collection from Phase 1**

Grade level teams have developed plans for collecting Phase 1 work from their students. Your teacher will communicate with you about how your child's work will be collected.

### **Family Resources**

Our district has created a new [Family Resources Webpage](#). The tools and resources on this webpage are designed to support our families with the challenges of Shelter and Place/Distance Learning. Please share this information with those that may need it.

We want to acknowledge what some may be experiencing with Distance Learning. Sometimes technology doesn't cooperate and screens freeze or we have difficulties joining a Google Meets session. If things aren't going according to plan, give yourself permission to be flexible and take a break. We know that we are all doing our personal best to adjust to these unprecedented times and we need to allow time to walk away from computers when things aren't going well. If this impacts virtual online sessions and assignments, email your teacher for guidance.

Thank you to all the families and students who have reached out with positive messages for our staff. As we entered campus on Tuesday, we were greeted with a wall of kind and inspiring notes from our students. It warmed our hearts!

[Picture of Thank You Notes from Students](#)

Best regards,

Jaime and Doug