

Ecole Deer Meadow Learning Moving Forward (2019-2020)

Teacher Responsibilities: Teachers are always expected to provide instruction and show enthusiasm for teaching, as well as be supportive and encouraging of the student's endeavors to succeed. In addition, with our changed circumstances, teachers will:

- Contact students regularly, at least once a week through email, chat or feedback on assignments.
- Focus on Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies and the essential outcomes from each course.
- Prioritize getting assignments and materials to students in manageable amounts that can be done within a reasonable timeframe.
- Support student learning with meaningful and helpful feedback that identifies strengths and strategies for improvement.
- Be clear on which assignments students are to complete and submit/turn in.
- Provide students with suggested timelines for completion of each assignment.
- Help students succeed by providing assistance while insisting upon reasonable effort from the student.
- Ask students about overdue assignments and their plans for catching up.
- Provide direction and strategies for physical activity and musical pursuits.
- Communicate with parents and guardians, as we normally would, with any accolades or concerns.
- Use the normal school day hours to send, receive or respond to communications.

Educational Assistants Responsibilities: Our team of educational assistants (EA's) have always worked with teachers to support student learning and success. Normally this would be one on one or in small clusters within the classroom. This will now look different, but EA's will:

- Check in with teachers and students on a regular basis.
- Offer daily support to students with their Google Classroom assignments.
- Use technology to connect with students: phone, email, Google Classroom or Google Meet.
- Offer paired reading, small group reading and word work via technology.
- Share literacy and numeracy materials and activities.
- Support Family Wellness efforts within the school community.

Student Responsibilities: Each student, with parent and teacher assistance, will:

- Complete all assignments within the required time.
- Show a positive attitude and accept constructive criticism.
- Be consistent with a routine, setting aside time on a daily basis to complete work assigned by your teacher.
- Be responsible for your learning. Learning activities include: work assigned by your teacher, reading, writing, review, exploring educational websites (see our Learning Commons link), physical activity, arts / musical pursuits and self selected research and projects.
- Phone or email teachers for assistance while working on assignments and inform them of any difficulties (during school hours).
- Avoid material on the Internet that may be judged by parents and teachers to be offensive or in contravention of our technology user agreement.
- Submit assignments as they are completed to keep on schedule.
- Take appropriate care of all items (textbooks, library books, musical instruments) provided by Ecole Deer Meadow
- Return all borrowed resources when directed to do so.

Parent/Guardian Responsibilities: More than ever, parents and guardians are asked to be a supportive and encouraging partner in their child's school experience. The following may be of assistance to you:

- Set aside a quiet place with few distractions and create a schedule for completing work and reading.
- Encourage your child to set aside time on a daily basis for learning. Encourage them to be responsible for their learning.
- Keep a visual record of assignments or deadlines. A calendar on the fridge or a white board are helpful in this.
- Ensure that your child reaches out to their teacher if they experience any difficulties (this could be via telephone conversations, Google Meet, email.)
- Encourage your child to check and review their work before submitting it.
- Supervise your child's use of the Internet to help avoid age inappropriate material and usage.
- Maintain borrowed materials in a safe location so that both you and your child know where their materials are.
- Return all textbooks, library books and musical instruments when asked to do so.
- If your child complains about being bored, hand them a book.
- Connect with us if you have questions.