

Hello, Families of Steele 5th graders,

I'm excited to welcome those of you from Ms. Gaeta's class who are choosing the online option into our classroom and to get to work with your students and add them to our community of learners!

I wanted to give you a picture of what this next adventure might look like and give you a rough overview of the schedule. This is not final, there are still pieces coming together that could alter this.

In approaching a model where I will have both students in the classroom and online, I want to extend the work we've already started online with project-based learning. This will take the work of the fifth grade and allow students to approach the standards in a more creative and personalized way and allow me to better support the students' needs as individuals. Some students need more time to look at and practice specific skills or they come in with a full understanding of those skills and just need to demonstrate that understanding and move on. This sort of structure will allow those students to get what they need as well as target independent work skills that they will need in middle school, high school, and beyond.

The morning's instruction will be built around small group instruction on target skills in math and reading and the afternoon will work on more independent project work and student/teacher conferences. Here is a look at the day's outline.

- 8:00 - 8:20: Morning meeting (Online and In-Person Students)
- 8:20 - 9:05: Specials (Online and In-Person Students)
- 9:05 - 9:55: Math (In-Person)
- 9:55 - 10:10: Recess (In-Person) - Small Group (Online)
- 10:10 - 10:40: Math Wrap-Up/Morning Clean/Read Aloud (In-Person)
- 10:40 - 11:40: ELA (In-Person)
- 11:40 - 12:20: Lunch
- 12:20 - 12:35: CNN 10 (In-Person)
- 12:35 - 1:00: Project-Based Learning Launch (In-Person)
- 1:00 - 2:00: Student-Teacher conferencing* / Project-Based Learning work (In-Person)
- 2:00 - 2:20: Clean the room (In-Person)
- 2:20 - 2:30: End of day meeting (Online and In-Person)
- Online and In-Person students who receive services from Mrs. Wriedt will be meeting together throughout the week as well. Exact times and dates TBD.

*Every week each student will have a 10 minute 1 on 1 check-in on goal setting and feedback whether online or in person.

I am looking forward to talking with you more about this as well as my grading policy at the virtual back to school night on October 1st! If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.