

April 6, 2020

Dear Central Linn Families,

Wow! What a ride the last month has been. We have seen an unprecedented shift in our education system, our culture, and our world. The COVID-19 virus has drastically changed the way we all do business and interact with one another. It is the hope of Central Linn Elementary staff that you have been able to stay safe and healthy through this difficult time.

I wanted to let you know about some of the most recent changes to our education system. As you are very much aware, our schools have been closed through April 28th. The information we have received has been ever-changing. Most recently, we have shifted from providing supplemental education (not teaching new material) to distance learning for all students (moving forward and teaching new material remotely). The last detailed information from your child's classroom teacher may have been related to supplemental education. This letter is to inform you on what you can expect from Central Linn Elementary as we shift to Distance Learning for All.

The Oregon Department of Education has tasked schools with providing education to our students during the closures. This means teachers must provide instruction on new material to each child. Teachers are working hard to set up online class sessions for such instruction, while providing other methods to obtain this information for students who have limited or no access to internet. They have done a phenomenal job of being creative and reaching each child and their families.

The material sent to your child (via your chosen delivery method) will be required and graded beginning Monday, April 13th. Teachers are being very intentional in the work they are giving to students, so we need your help as much as possible to see that your child completes the work assigned and returns it on time to his/her teacher.

Attendance is being tracked through communication between students/parents and the classroom teacher twice a week. This is required for your child to be considered "in school." This can be contact directly with the classroom teacher via telephone, email, dojo, Remind, online meeting forums, etc. The main point is that you or your child must make contact with the classroom teacher at least two times per week or your child will be considered absent from school. Please, if you have not yet done so, reach out to your child's teacher.

As has happened often in the last week, the information we are being given by the state may change again. As it does, we will be sure to include you in the communication chain. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to the classroom teacher or myself. Also, please do not hesitate to bring forth celebrations and ways we have been successful. All of this information helps us to continue learning and growing as we all work together for your child.

Thank you for your patience and understanding!

Sincerely,

Robyn Bailey