

April 1, 2020

Dear Students and Families,

I hope this note finds you all well. I have been able to touch base with many of you over the last few weeks and it has been good to see you and hear from you!



On Friday, April 3rd, we will begin a new way of teaching and learning. As always, my goal is to create lessons that allow you to be engaged, successful and that will also meet your IEP goals. Back in September, we discussed having a Fixed Mindset vs. Growth Mindset. While change is difficult for most of us, at that time we realized that if we want to grow and learn both emotionally and academically we must have a growth mindset - and now is the time.

I will be creating lessons that are both synchronous and asynchronous - taught in a “live” environment on Google Meet and also taught through the use of a recorded lesson. Keeping in mind the needs of all families - parents working at home, multiple children with multiple teachers - all lessons will be recorded and put in Google Classroom so that the students can access the lessons at any time of the day. You will be accountable by responding to the lessons and submitting your work in Google Classroom - a procedure you are already very familiar with, thankfully.

I will have daily office hours for both ELA and Resource Room to check-in, see how you are doing, answer questions, and expand on lessons. Invitations will be sent to you through your school email accounts as usual. If Mrs. McCarthy or Mrs. Casale is in your ELA or RR, they will still be part of your new learning environment.

For **ELA** students, at this point, you should have accessed and completed the review lessons including the study guide, the self-assessment of chapter 1 and the discussion question. You should also have signed up for the Remind App. Directions were sent to you in your school email.

**Resource Room** students should be accessing your content Google Classrooms and Teacher Webpages to see what the teachers’ upcoming expectations are for the class. If you have not done so already, please do so before Friday, April 3rd. All students should be signed up for both Google Classroom and Remind.com. Directions were sent to you in your school email.

This is a learning process for all of us. I expect that the unexpected will happen, and that is o.k. I will modify and make changes as needed to support all our needs.

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Be well.

Thank you,

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Mrs. McCarthy  
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