

[Sunita Williams 142] Update from Mr. K

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Starting this Monday, April 6, we will begin implementation of the next phase of remote learning. As has become the new normal for these updates during our school closure, I hope you all received and have read the Superintendent's most recent communication as what follows builds upon his update with the addition of information more pertinent to our SWES community.

To start, the five Elementary Schools have prepared a guide that parallels the [District's Remote Learning Plan](#) which was included in Dan's email. This [guide for Elementary families](#) addresses topics specific to the remote learning plan for our Kindergarten through fifth grade students. Next week's focus is on assuring every student has access to the curriculum. During the weeks that follow, the focus will shift to differentiating instruction to address the needs of all students. This does not differ greatly from what we have always done. However, the parameters of differentiation are different in a remote learning setting. The guide for Elementary families addresses those parameters.

Our goal is to increase synchronous (real time) interaction between students and staff while still maintaining asynchronous (recorded) connections which can be accessed more easily and on a schedule that works for individual families. It is also important to note that instruction, and subsequent differentiation, will happen over time and differ slightly given the grade level and individual needs of our students. A specific example of this is in the platforms being used to facilitate remote instruction. Grades 3 through 5 are using *Google Classroom*, which is familiar to students and staff while teachers and students (and, therefore, some of you!) will just be

learning their new platform called SeeSaw. I also encourage parents of students on IEPs to read this letter from our Executive Director of Special Education which is attached below. Feel free to reach out to me or your child's classroom teacher with questions that may arise as we begin this next phase of remote learning.

A few other community items:

As mentioned in last week's email, these weekly updates from me will be [archived](#) on our school's homepage. Our [school newsletter](#) will be coming out each Friday and posted on our website as well. This will include weekly updates from our school nurse, the PTC, and timely information for you. For example, yesterday's newsletter includes information about next year's class placements, something that typically comes out this time in April.

Finally, I hope you and your families continue to stay safe during this unsettled time. This [video hello](#) (also attached below) to our students and you comes from Sunita Willilams who, like all of us, is doing her best to stay safe. It has the same global message as the video I sent you last week. Suni and I are staying connected and it's wonderful to know we'll hear more from her as we are all alone **together**.

Love,

Mr.K