

Hello!

This is Jerry Ellerman, Unity Elementary School Principal. Over the past couple of weeks there have been many changes that were forced upon all of us. From the guidelines we have to follow and navigate due to COVID-19 to the switch to at-home learning, there are a lot of questions. With the help of teachers and community members, I have created a list of frequently asked questions to send out to alleviate some of the stress that has come with our current situation. I listed contact information at the bottom of the document if you have any questions that were not addressed. I am looking forward to getting started this year and making the best out of any situation that comes our way. We are all in this together, and together we will get through this.

Who will be my child's teacher?

All PreK-4th grade teachers will contact you as soon as possible. Class lists will be posted on the doors at the high school entrance.

What are the school hours for staff?

All staff will be working from 7:30am-3:15pm. Please note the teachers will be making their videos for lessons during this time and will check in with students via Zoom (for those who can make it) at 9:00am & 1:00pm.

Can parents come into the school/classroom during this time?

No one will be allowed to enter the building unless a previously planned appointment has been made by the principal. The best way to contact a staff member is through email, Class Dojo (PreK-2nd grade), or Google Classroom (3rd-4th grade).

What is my child's responsibility during remote learning?

All students will be required to be check-in everyday for attendance purposes and complete their school work everyday.

What do we need to do to ensure my child is in attendance?

Every parent or student must get on Class Dojo (PreK-2nd grade) or Google Classroom (3rd & 4th grade) to register the child as being in attendance. Attendance is required everyday.

What if my child has an appointment or is sick?

We will follow all procedures that we normally would follow for in-person learning. A parent or guardian will call the school and report to the building secretary, and they will mark them

appropriately in PowerSchool. The student will be responsible for checking in with their teacher to see what makeup work they missed.

Is my child required to be with the teacher in Zoom sessions during the day?

No. Zoom sessions are scheduled for 9:00am & 1:00pm each day. Zoom sessions are optional for students and they will not be penalized for not attending. There will not be new material taught during these Zoom sessions. These sessions are for the teachers and students to connect, check in, or to just talk.

How will my child learn the material they need to learn?

Teachers will post daily video lessons by 8:00am each day. PreK-4th grade staff are working to post videos in a format that is easiest for parents/students to access. More information will be shared with you in the coming week. The students will be required to complete any work by the end of each day.

What platforms will be used to send out information?

PreK-2nd grade will be using Class Dojo and 3rd & 4th grade will be using Google Classroom. Your teacher will provide you with instructions and information regarding the platform for your child. School webpages and social media pages will be used to communicate additional information.

What happens if students do not have internet access?

Please call our new hotline number as soon as possible, 217-936-2111, ext 104 and speak with Jenny Gronewold. We will make sure to work with you on a plan moving forward.

What does virtual PE look like for my student?

Mrs. Eger is planning a curriculum to ensure the students will have fun activities to do.

Why can't the middle and high school students start in-person and have the elementary start remote?

We have many older students that are responsible for younger siblings, so we felt it was best for all to remote during this time.

If you have any further questions please feel free to reach out to our hotline or email me.

Hotline: 217-936-2111

extension 104 = Jenny Gronewold (General Questions)

extension 125 = Seth Klusmeyer (Technology Questions)

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