



Sisters Middle School

“Home of the Outlaws”

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Dear SMS Families,

On behalf of myself and our faculty and staff, we wish you all continued health, patience, and compassion as we journey together through this unprecedented time. As earlier released by the district, we don't have school tomorrow March 16th-March 20th due to the state mandates around COVID-19. The following two weeks are our SSD Spring Break weeks, March 23rd-April 3rd. At this time we plan to return on Monday, April 6th. Our district will continue to keep you up to date on any further closures if they arise, but at this time we plan to re-open on April 6th.

During this time it is imperative to do our part to slow the spread of this virus, please heed the directions of the Oregon Healthy Authority and the CDC. In the truest sense of the word **awesome**, we are being charged with an *awesome* responsibility, we are being asked to look out for those we love and those that are medically fragile—we are also being asked to look out for those less fortunate, for those that have no one else to look out for them and for those we have never met. This is a beautiful lesson to teach our youth.

Thank you so very much to the families and community organizations that have reached out with offers of financial support for those in need within our school community. While I know school closures, work changes, and hourly updates on the devastation of this virus take a toll on us all. I'd encourage each one of us to look at the positives that can come of such a difficult situation; family time, outdoor time, helping the less fortunate, supporting our health care workers and first responders, healthy eating at home, saving a life and so much more.

For families needing assistance in meeting their basic needs during this time, please contact our FAN advocates Dawn Cooper and Theresa Slavkovsky at the district office. SSD will also be offering grab and go meals (breakfast and lunch) each school day next week.

Para las familias que necesitan ayuda para traducir esta carta, comuníquese con Gabriel Cobos: gabriel.cobos@ssd6.org

These next few weeks will be an immense amount of learning of both soft skills and academia through life itself, but in effort to support continued learning and your sanity :) at home, here are a few resources and suggestions for next week.

Please reach out if you are in need of any support, your partner in education and community enhancement,

Mrs. Haney
Sister Middle School Principal

Resources and Suggestions for this Next Week

Suggested Ideas for how to Tackle this Next Week

- Call a family meeting to talk about the need for being home
- As a family develop a schedule and structure for this time off
- Create your schedule based upon your needs (I know many of you are still trying to work from home)
- Incorporate breaks, outdoor time, and high interest areas of learning
- Find or create a designated learning space

Basic Example Schedule for those with and without Internet Access

8:30-8:45 Review Schedule for the day/Gather needed resources

8:45-9:30 Reading! Enjoy reading from a variety of sources whether they are Canvas assignments, online learning links like Lexia, Newsela, Scholastic or a great book you have around home. Read and discuss your learnings. (**There are so many wonderful online books through Deschutes County Library as well!)

9:30-10 Journal Respond to what you've read...or your plans for the day, what you're thankful for, what school at home is like etc.

10-10:30 Break Healthy snack and some downtime

10:30-11:15 Math! Review and practice your math work whether it's from Canvas assignments, online learning links like IXL, Ready, Kahn Academy or other math work you may have access to at home or online.

11:15-12:30 Lunch & Outdoor Break

12:30-1:30 Science or Social Studies Baking, science experiments, virtual field trips or exploring around our central Oregon are great ways to learn more in these content areas.

1:30-2:30 Art/Music/Dance/Tech/Photography Explore, innovate and create!

Resources

Canvas: https://s3.amazonaws.com/SSL_Assets/Sisters/sisters/index.html

<http://www.amazingeducationalresources.com/>