



Sisters Elementary School

“Home of the Outlaws”

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Principal

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Dear SES Outlaw Students and Parents,

Welcome to week three of Distance Learning. Thank you for your perseverance and grace as we work together to make this new model work for our students. Please remember that Distance Learning is not intended to replicate 7 hours of school. Please remember to prioritize the Teacher Led Learning portions of the week and then fit portions of the rest in as it works in your family's schedule. All of your student's learning will continue to be accessed through the Clever portal; please contact your child's teacher for assistance if needed.

As a reminder, printed copies will be out along the bus lane each Monday from 7:30-11:30.

- We will have 6 crates/boxes/bins out on the bus lane- one per grade level and one for individuals with additional materials. Each grade level crate will have a cone and sign.
- Grade level crates- please glove up and take the top packet from the folder with your child's teacher's name on it. If all are identical for a grade level they will be in a large stack.
- Students who have additional materials will have a 9 x 12 envelope with their name on the top in the sixth crate. Your child's teacher will notify you individually if there is something in that box; please take the contents and leave the envelope.

If you have questions or need help with this process, please email Carlene.turpen@ssd6.org or Shannon.beutler@ssd6.org or leave a phone message and one of them will contact you.

Last week our amazing SPTC board met and discussed several topics. One of those was about families looking for ways to get new books for their children to read with the library currently closed. SPTC would like to sponsor an SES Book Exchange beginning this week. Our book exchange will be as follows:

- We will have a box out front each Monday morning and then from 10:30-11:30 daily. Families can donate books during that time. Just drop the books into the slot. Our staff will handle them with gloves and will allow them to be exposed for enough time for them to be clear of viruses before we distribute them back out.
- The following week those books will be available for students to take a “new to them” book from the cart. Please limit your selections to one per student or to a matching number that you donated.
- So, this week there will be no cart but the donation box will be out all week for donations. We will begin pulling the cart out next week with this week's books.

Another suggestion for books for your children would be obtaining digital downloads from the library; although we know digital can't replace the feel of an actual book, it can be a good

temporary solution. I personally am appreciating Kindle Unlimited as a resource for reading books each evening.

Next week is Teacher Appreciation Week. Here at SES it has been a time to honor all of our team. It will clearly be different this year. I would like to encourage you and your children to consider a way to honor your child's teacher with a gesture of appreciation. I know that finances are hard at this juncture; however, there are many creative ways to honor teachers that don't involve money and can be accomplished remotely. It is the simple things from the heart that carry the greatest impact. I am incredibly proud of each of our teachers and supporting staff members. They have risen to this new challenge in an exemplary way and have been investing the extra time required to ensure that your students benefit from the best possible education in this very different setting. If you have any creative ideas, I would love to hear about them! Please email me at joan.warburg@ssd6.org. If you have a physical item that you would like to get to your teacher, you can drop them at the school any day between 10:30-11:30am and we will ensure that they get to the right person. Thank you for your continued support and for considering this request.

It is going to be important in the coming days that we communicate regularly and provide constructive feedback so that we can learn and grow together as a community. To support our connections, I will be hosting a third Zoom Coffee with the Principal on Wednesday, May 6 from 11:00am-12:00pm. This is an opportunity to connect with other parents and share successes and ideas. I hope you will be able to join us. Please use this link to access: <https://zoom.us/j/675751120?pwd=Slhza214SmMraDN3cG5xZllmNTZ1dz09>

We know that many of you continue to juggle a myriad of issues as you navigate this time with your families. SES staff is here to be your partner as we journey together. I am honored to be a part of this amazing Outlaw community! Together we are better!

With Outlaw Spirit,

Joan Warburg
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