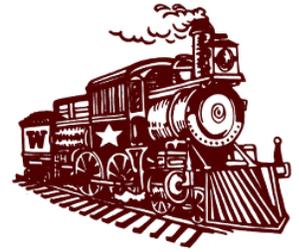


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Grade 5 Families,



We hope this letter finds you and your family well. As you know, the Whitehall Central School District is closed through April 17, 2020. In order to better serve our students and families at this time, the 5th Grade Team has created a Grade 5 Virtual Classroom. On this site, you will find new instructional videos, resources, activities, and expectations as we move forward in this distance learning process. Our hope is to streamline the accessibility of these resources through a central point of reference. All 5th grade teachers are actively linked to this Virtual Classroom. Our intent is to provide a classroom setting in a way that is consistent and accessible to everyone.

All students have been sent an “invitation” to join this Virtual Classroom. The class code to join if they go to Google Classroom (the chalkboard icon on their “waffle”), is **zjrafr**. Students can also join through the email invite notification that was sent to their railroaders account. If you or your child is having trouble accessing this classroom, please reach out to your homeroom teacher so we can assist you in this process.

In addition to the Grade 5 Google Classroom, your child’s homeroom teacher will be making weekly contacts with their homeroom students. This could be via email, phone, or through private messaging. Also, homeroom teachers will be reaching out to their class through their homeroom Google Classroom link. This will ensure and maintain normalcy of the classroom communities we’ve each built and additional connections from teacher to student. If you are concerned that your child’s teacher does not have the most up-to-date contact information to reach you, please contact the Main Office to communicate or the email address provided below.

On the Virtual Classroom site, you will find tabs at the top to help you navigate. The tab “Classwork” will show you a menu of 5th Grade Topics, including a section for each of the 4 core subjects. There is also a “General Information” section that we can provide you with any additional notifications. The top section is titled, “Communication Log”. This is an essential component of this distance learning process. The expectation is that students and/or parents will communicate and update teachers as to the tasks or assignments they are working on daily. We understand that every family may not update this on a daily basis, but even a weekly report of what was accomplished daily. We are also mindful that each family’s accomplishment schedule may vary based on your family dynamic/work schedules. But ultimately, we need this feedback in order to best provide what your children need individually (just as we would in person), and as a grade level.

We understand this is a difficult time for everyone and it is certainly an unprecedented new chapter in our educational journey. We will do our best to work through any and all issues, and be digitally available until the National Pandemic allows school to resume. As always, please reach out to us and communicate with us any concerns or questions. We already miss our children dearly, and look forward to normalcy as soon as possible. We hope you and your family stay healthy, and thank you for your support and collaboration in your child’s education.

Best Regards,

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