

Greetings parents, guardians, and students!

Ms. LaPlante and I hope everyone is doing well! Due to things that are out of our control, the school year is going to look a lot different. Distance Learning may be a challenge, but it could also be fun! Ms. LaPlante and I are choosing to be optimistic and think of it as a fun way to learn.

Over the past two weeks, we have been busy setting all of you up on online learning programs. This letter is going to explain how we will be using these programs to meet your academic needs.

Khan Academy- Will be used to teach math. Everyone will get math assignments that are due in a weeks' time. It may look like a lot of assignments, but most of the assignments are videos to watch. Some of you will not use Khan Academy. We will let you know who you are, but most of you will use Khan Academy.

IXL- Will be used as math practice and review.

Epic!- Will be used to assign Literature Circle books. Everyone will be starting a new book. You will have 2 weeks to finish a book and fill out the Literature packet that is in your ELA folder. If you don't have access to internet, you will get a book sent home.

Generation Genius- Will be used to teach science. This is a combination of online video's and paper work. If you don't have internet to view videos, the paper article will be sent home.

Liberty Kids videos- Will be used to learn about the American Revolution. Liberty Kids is found on YouTube. The links will be provided.

MobyMax- Will be used as a fun way to review and excel in all content areas. This is an optional activity for most students, however some will be using MobyMax instead of Khan Academy. We may also use Moby Max to assign our writing assignments. Stay tuned..

Willow 301 YouTube channel- Will be used as a way for Ms. LaPlante and I to communicate with you! We will post videos on this YouTube channel that will hopefully make you laugh! We may also ask questions that you need to answer through comments. Please subscribe!

Zoom- Will be used to have face to face communication! If you have questions, Ms. LaPlante and I will be available to Zoom! Download the app 😊

Class Tag- Will be used to communicate. You can send pictures of completed assignments to us so there is no need to return any work.

As of now, that is everything that we have set in place digitally. There will be paper assignments that come home weekly; however, most things will be done online. There is a manila envelope to put work in to return. This will be a learning experience for everyone, so please be patient with us as we work out any kinks!

Please email us whenever you have a question! Ms. LaPlante and I will be available anytime you need us. Feel free to use Zoom or Class Tag to contact us as well. Our emails are: christine.laplante@newdiscoveries.org and michelle.nonnemacher@newdiscoveries.org

Listed on the back are some internet resources for you to use during this time.

The following are some resources for Internet access assistance.

Hutchinson Internet Access Assistance

[Mediacom](#)

[Nuvera](#)

[Centurylink](#)

Federal Internet Access Assistance (need to sign up for some programs)

[Lifeline Discount Program](#)

Public Wifi locations

- Aquatic Center
- Library Square
- Masonic/West River Campground
- McLeod County Fairgrounds
- Veterans Memorial Park

Please stay safe! We miss all of you and love you dearly!

Ms. Nonnemacher and Ms. LaPlante