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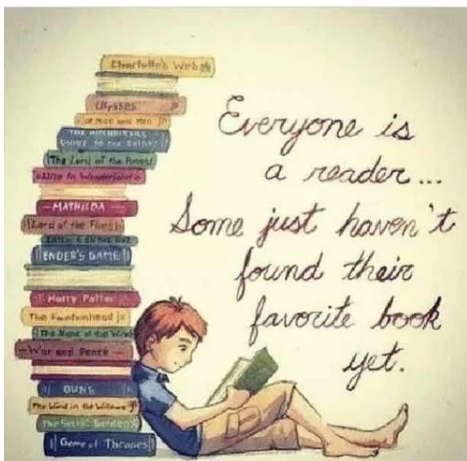
Mulberry News

DEAR MULBERRY FAMILIES

We have made it through our first week of distance learning! It was great to reconnect with our students and hear what they have been up to.

At this time, I believe we have everyone connected to our Google Classroom. This will remain our primary communication tool throughout our distance learning. Students will find attendance, announcements, assignments, schedules, and links to Zoom or Google Meet online discussions posts.

Students have also been given our contact information and may call or text us for assistance. Although we will probably answer, please be considerate of the time of day (or night) in reaching out to staff. If you (parents) have questions, please feel free to email or call as well.



ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS - SOCIAL STUDIES

We will begin literature circles this week. Our theme is the Holocaust. Our class will be divided into three groups with an adult leading each literature circle discussion. Students will receive their books and packet for literature circles on Monday.



It is our hope that we will be able to continue our literature circles similar to how they are conducted in class. Students will be asked to participate in an online discussion most days to review chapters they have read or listened to. Students may be asked to complete parts of their packet prior to the discussion or they may be asked to complete them after the discussion. The adult leading the literature circle will post in Google Classroom the expectations for the day.

In reading the books, we usually read our books together in a group or listen to the chapters read. If your child is assigned *Words on Fire* or *A Night Divided* both by Jennifer Nielsen, we ask that you help your child by using Audible or Bookshare. Both

are online book resources where students can access an audio version of the book.

At this time, both sites are offering free services for the rest of the school year. (audible.com, Bookshare.org, allyoucanbooks.com - audible is a site I like better and it should be free until the end of school).

If your child is assigned *Is it Day or Night*, by Fern Schumer Chapman, your child will find a link to an audio on Google Classroom for the days reading. It is important that your child keep up with the reading but also does not read ahead of the group. Group discussions are most productive when everyone is able to participate.

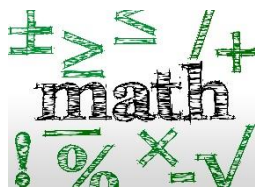
SCIENCE -



Ms. Sims will have science assignments posted during the week in Google Classroom. Students may work on them at any time; however, they are due at the end of the week. Students should NOT wait until Friday to complete all of the science assignments.

At this time, a weekly Zoom meeting is scheduled for Wednesday afternoons with Ms. Sims. Students are encouraged to attend the meeting to have questions answered.

MATH -



Students in Ms. Polzin's math group have been provided a copy of the lessons for the upcoming weeks. Students will find daily assignments posted in Google Classroom. Online assistance will be provided by Ms. Polzin, Ms. Ramirez, and Ms. Kari. Scheduled chats will be posted in the Math Classroom. Please make sure you attend!

MATH - (MS. POLZIN'S MATH CONT)

IXL is also another resource students will be asked to use. At times, it may only be a resource and other times it will be an assignment to complete. Students also may use Khan Academy as a resource. Student may find helpful videos to aid them in completion of their assignments.

Ms. Sims' Math Group -

You will find assignments and materials available in your Google Classroom. Ms. Sims has posted times for assistance. Please reach out and participate in online discussions! Ms. Sims is also available by phone, Google Hangouts, email or text.

Ms. Ortloff's Math Group -

Ms. Ortloff has provided her group with copies of materials. Please reach out to Ms. Ortloff when needed. She will also hold chat groups when needed.

PHY ED - MUSIC - ART -

You hopefully have found a Google Classroom for all of your specials as well. Mr. Kangus, Ms. Lauer, and Miss Gabri will be checking in from time to time. Please complete the assignments they have posted in your Google Classroom and reach out to them with any questions.

Thank you!

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