

Kindergarten Distant Learning Parent Handbook



Pike Lake Office Phone Number: 651-621-7400

Website:

<https://www.moundviewschools.org/pikelake>

School Hours:

The distant learning school day will be from **8:30am - 3:10pm**

Welcome to an exciting year of Kindergarten! The name “kindergarten” means “a garden of children” where all the children grow and develop as unique human beings. This year will be very important for you and your child. You will see many changes in your child over the next few months. Your child will be meeting new friends, learning new things, and experiencing a lot of new and exciting activities. As parents and educators, we need to keep in mind that a five year old has a lifetime of learning ahead. It is important to remember that school is a journey and all children will reach their destination at different times.

At-Home Learning Space

Take time to develop a learning space and routine for your kindergartner. Make sure they have a flat surface with enough space to work and a place where they can have all of their supplies by them. This space should be an area with minimal distractions. Headphones are a great way to minimize distractions and help your kindergartner engage with their teacher and class.

Lunch, recess, and breaks

Please make sure to build in time throughout every day for your kindergartner to have lunch, take breaks, and play. These breaks are essential for students to build their stamina and maintain focus for learning activities. Kids at this age learn through play and exploration!

How can you best support your kindergartner

This is a year unlike any other. We will update families with any changes as they occur. Families and teachers help to set the tone for their kindergartner’s learning. Please remember to speak positively around your kindergartner regarding the distant learning experience.

As your kindergartner completes work there will be times where they do not immediately know the answer. As hard as it can be for parents, it is important not to tell them the answers right away. Let them use the strategies that they have been taught in class to complete work. When your kindergartner is writing we encourage phonetic spelling. This means that children will write the letters that they hear. This is not always how we know a word will be spelled. That is OK!

Technology

We will be using Seesaw as our primary platform for posting assignments for students. To access Seesaw use your kindergartners Clever QR code, found on the inside of their learning bin, to log onto the chromebook. We will be using Zoom for video conferencing and meetings. The school district will be providing technology support and assistance for families.

Home-School Communication:

Assignments will be posted daily to Seesaw. Here you will be able to access recorded videos, assignments, and be able to submit student work.

You can contact your kindergartner's teacher by phone or email; however, email is the easiest and fastest way to communicate with me. Teachers will get back to you within 24 hours.

If your contact information changes throughout the year please notify your kindergartner's teacher and let the office know as soon as possible so that your kindergartner's classroom and school files can be updated.

Homework

Starting in October, a monthly reading calendar will be emailed at the beginning of each month. Throughout the month color in one picture for each day your kindergartner spends time doing extra reading. Calendars can be submitted through Seesaw at the end of the month.

Throughout the year you will be receiving ideas to support your kindergartner's learning at home; however, additional homework outside of the regular school day will not be assigned on a regular basis. It is just as important to spend time as a family reading, playing games, going for walks and playing outside. Your kindergartner's teacher will communicate with you if there is anything to work on at home.

Progress Reports

You will be able to access your kindergartner's progress report through Parent Vue. Instructions will be sent home once this is available. If you need help accessing Parent Vue please contact your kindergartner's teacher.

Snack and water

We encourage students to take healthy snack and drink breaks throughout the day; however, please refrain from having your kindergartner eat and drink while using the chromebook or completing assignments.

Birthdays

We will recognize student birthdays throughout the year. If you do not want your kindergartner's birthday to be recognized please contact your teacher.

Resources

Pike Lake Nutrition Services- <https://www.moundsviewschools.org/pikelakemenu>

Food Resources: <https://www.moundsviewschools.org/foodresources>

Mounds View Public Schools Community Resources:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1METVbpNT_VJISec-zPxjzyBEApWl7sJhnEOqcbIn5Sg/edit