

Classroom Connection

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Thank you: The first week went well. I am so proud of the kids. I am also very grateful for all the support from the parents and caregivers. For the first few weeks, there will be new websites and log-ins that we will be using; but I hope that after that there will be routines that your child can navigate more independently. Until then, please know I am very appreciative of your help.

Reading, Writing or Math Workshop and Small groups: Next week we will not have assigned small group times; however, there are times when I may have an aide present and I can take a few students at a time into a break out room. I may also start assigning all of the students to their own breakout rooms so I can visit them individually and discuss their reading or writing. While I work with small groups, the students will be given tasks to do independently. There will be slides in Canvas in the morning or afternoon independent work sections. These slides will be labeled with the title *workshop*. I will review the slide with the students before workshop begins just like I do with the independent work slide. As you help your child move from zoom to Canvas you may want to start showing them how you do that. After they watch a few times, see if they are ready to try. They may need help for some time, but eventually I think they will be able to do this.

How to know if your child is completing tasks and assignments? I am trying to keep the number of items that must be turned in to a minimum. I will post items that **must** be completed or turned in on the Calendar in Canvas. If you look today it lets you know you should post their writing assignment to SeeSaw. I will be doing most of my assessing through interactions in small groups and work that the students share with me through zoom. I will keep track of work completed during the school day and check the time spent on online programs such as Moby Max and Raz Kids. I will contact you in a timely manner if there is a concern about work completion.

Supplies: The class has done an excellent job of having the school provided supplies near them throughout our school day. This has made the day go very smoothly. Please help them continue this practice. Also, during reading workshop the students will begin to practice strategies with the books I have sent home, but your child may want to read additional books during reading workshop. It may be a good idea to have them gather a stack of favorite books from your house or the library to keep nearby.

Upcoming Events:

- Friday, September 4th Early Dismissal
- Monday, September 7th No School-Labor Day