

Miller Elementary School

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Dear Miller Families,

We are well on our way to welcoming you to our classrooms! Earlier this evening you received an email from your child's classroom teacher with a very special message embedded in it! Mr. Billings and I wanted to share our welcome as well. Click here to see [my welcome video](#) and a [message from Mr. Billings](#). The email communication included details about how you will have an opportunity to meet your child's teacher, log into the first day of school via a Zoom link, and many other items of interest!

Information was shared about the Canvas platform, including information on how to log-in! Our teachers plan on carefully walking you through the Canvas details during the first week of school. Here are two links to tutorials on how to access canvas ([Accessing Canvas ~ Chromebook](#), [Accessing Canvas ~ iPad](#)) Don't worry you will receive all the support you may need. Also, Mrs. McGuire will be providing support for technology to start the year!

Canvas will be available to families on Friday 9/4/2020 at 5:00 pm. Parents will need their child's Google email address and password. This information can be found in the Parent Portal of Mistar by clicking the left column where it says "network". Your child's email and password should be visible on the screen.

We know everyone is excited about the first day of school. In the document shared with you by the classroom teacher is a zoom link to access the first day of school lesson.

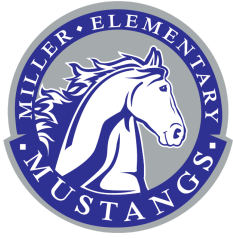
If you do not have a device that allows you to log in to zoom, you can call the main office and we can provide information on how to obtain a device in the coming days. If you are unable to connect live with your teacher on the first day of school, please send your teacher an email and call the office. Don't be disappointed if something does not work, but have a back up plan to work on activities such as writing a poem, drawing a picture, or writing a story about yourself. You can share it with your teacher via email!

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL:

The first day of school teachers will be focused on connecting with students and families. They will not necessarily be launching the full SAMPLE schedule. The morning meeting will include:

- Welcome
- Getting to know you activities
- Building class community

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- o Setting expectations for days ahead

The first day of school will look differently than it ever has before. We want to be sure to take time to connect with one another and help one another with this new way of attending school. Parents should expect that the SAMPLE schedule will launch more directly in the second week of school.

For our kindergarten families - The email you are receiving from your classroom teacher will get you started for the first part of school. As we get closer to Face to Face learning for our Safe Start Families, we will share additional information more in line with Kindergarten Orientation (often referred to as Kindergarten Round Up).

Next Week: We will be offering a Meet and Greet to families:

Meet Your Teacher Safe Start:

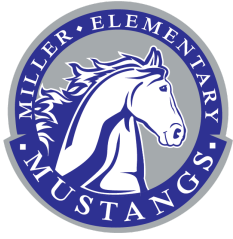
We will have a wonderful opportunity for you and your child to meet their teacher. During this time you will receive "To Go Curriculum bags" These bags include curriculum/school supplies needed to start the year. This will also be a time to share ways the school staff can support your family and child while learning the new technology platforms. We cannot wait to hear about activities of interest to your child.

You will have the opportunity to make an appointment for either an outdoor or virtual meeting in the afternoon of September 9-11. Your classroom teacher will communicate with you on securing a time for your child and family to meet with them. During these few days, students will be engaged in asynchronous learning posted by the teacher for the afternoon sessions.

In an effort to create as safe an environment as possible, we ask that all participants wear masks at all times and maintain appropriate social distancing. To support social distancing, we will have staggered start times for brief meetings (i.e. 10 minute meetings with 5 minutes between appointments) and families must sign up for an appointment to participate. We ask that families supporting their student(s) arrive with no more than two parents/guardians and we ask that students remain with their parents/guardians at all times.

Additionally, while we recognize that this would normally be a wonderful opportunity for families to reconnect, have children play on the playground, etc, we ask that you limit your time on school grounds to your scheduled appointment with the teacher. This will help minimize close contact for prolonged periods which will increase the safety with which we can carry out this event.

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Meet Your Teacher Virtual Academy

Those families who have opted for Virtual Academy will have the same opportunity to meet with their teacher--*virtually!* Please follow your teacher's directions to secure a time to meet with them in the afternoons of September 9-11, 2020. Even though you will meet with your teacher virtually, you will still need to pick up "To Go/Curriculum bags". We will have these ready and available for pick up Wednesday 9/9/20- through Friday 9/11/2020 from 12:30-3:00 everyday in the arrival/dismissal loop. Let your teacher know if you need us to set up a different time and we will work to get you a bag!

The Covid pandemic has mandated significant change in our lives, and these new processes have posed substantial learning curves for all of us. Please realize that our children are watching us and are learning about how to strive under these stressful circumstances. It is crucial that we demonstrate patience and teach resilience and gentility rather than panic. We will get through this together.... Our Miller teachers are entirely dedicated and committed to a successful year! They have poured their hearts and souls into learning Canvas, making videos, and adjusting their craft to accommodate the best learning environment for your children. More than ever, we need a strong partnership in this process and we know and appreciate that we can always count on our Miller families!

Looking forward to a memorable 2020-2021 school year!

Warmly,

Mrs. Klco

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