

Dear Parents,

It was strange being back to the normal school routine, but I think we are back on track now!

As you know, I start out every morning with some jokes or something light. I consider it important for making connections with each other. It's pretty amazing what laughing together can do! This week I got inspired to ask the Ellerbees some "weird questions." It was so much fun! For example, I asked if you built your own new society, what would be the first law you'd make? A popular answer was to respect everyone's property and not steal anything. Also I asked if they could talk in their sleep, what would they say? I was surprised to hear lots of funny stories about how they had talked in their sleep before and what they said! I asked them if they could read anyone's mind, who would they choose? A lot of them actually said mom and/or dad! Too cute! One student said Mrs. Eller. When I asked why, he said because that way he'd know all the answers on schoolwork and especially he'd know all the answers on the tests! We all laughed so hard! Laughter truly is the best medicine!

On to stuff to know...

#### **SYNERGY PARENT EMAILS**

So, I have been informed that the parent emails I send via our Synergy platform are not getting delivered. So, it is possible that you actually did not get last Sunday's email? If so, I am so sorry! Just to let you know, if for some reason you don't hear from me on Sunday, I also post the letter on the class website on the Weekly Emails page. However, I am working on a Plan B and will be making a parent group. It would be helpful for you to let me know the best email /emails to use for you.

#### **CHAPTER 4 MATH TEST**

It's that time again! On Friday we will be taking the chapter 4 math test. We will start at 10:00 and the students will have until noon to get it done. That way no one has to feel like they have to rush! It will be like the other tests. They will go to Google Classroom to log on to the test and do the first part on a device. They will also do the second part on paper so they can show their thinking. They will need to send it to me before they leave math class.

#### **FONT SIZE 14**

Just a little reminder to have students use at least size 14 when typing on a Google Doc. Maybe a little note posted in their work space that they will easily see? I have no idea why Google thinks the default size should be 11! That is so tiny! Thanks for your help!

#### **MISSIONS SMAART BACKGROUND SHEET ASSIGNMENT**

As you know, the Ellerbees have been learning how to write a short answer to questions and do it in a complete and impressive way. They have been improving week to week. Awesome! FYI, my strategy when teaching new skills is to give almost 100% help at the beginning. (As you may remember, on the first SMAART assignment they actually were allowed to copy me word for word.) Then I gradually do less and ask the students to do more independently. We are on SMAART sheet 6 this week. I will still give lots of help. I actually verbalize all the answers as we read the background sheet together. However, they will do almost all the writing without many Mrs. Eller notes. That means that they need

to be extra careful. It will probably be a great idea for you to read the work before they share it with me. You will be able to catch some careless mistakes. FYI, I will be grading it on Wednesday afternoon.

### **LINCOLN YEARBOOK**

In case you didn't see this from last Sunday, I'm adding it again.

John Ling is our wonderful Lincoln parent who is coordinating our yearbook. This is obviously not the typical way this gets done. John is asking for your help to send him pictures to include in the yearbook.

#### **Here are his instructions:**

Please deposit any photos of your student for the 2020-2021 Lincoln Yearbook. We need all the help from parents to upload their student's photo to be used for yearbook. Please send a photo from first day of school, spirit day wearing spirit wear, Halloween costumes, and any other photos you feel suitable for the yearbook. We can only pick a few photos per student. This link is not viewable by anyone else other than the yearbook staff. It is a strictly deposit only link for photos.

Please make sure your photo filename is your students:

<lastname>\_<firstname>\_<teacher\_last\_name>\_<numbered>.jpg

For example:

smith\_brandon\_eller\_00.jpg

smith\_brandon\_eller\_01.jpg

Please upload photo from your phone to your computer, then rename the photo to the format above and upload to the dropbox link for your class.

Here's the link to upload the photos:

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/mgiDpdbX7CjRucFvzfL6>

### **LIBRARY BOOK PICKUP**

I believe Mrs. Routh sent the pickup schedule and information to all families. If you didn't get it, the link is: [2.Library book check out schedule procedure.docx](#)

The next pickup day is this Wednesday. Books need to be requested by noon on the Tuesday right before.

### **MUSIC CLASS**

Please encourage your child to attend the music class on Thursdays at 10:00. They join the meet using the code: coopermusic20-21. Mr. Cooper does assign homework. He is very receptive to parent communication. You can email him at [cooper\\_marcus@cusdk8.org](mailto:cooper_marcus@cusdk8.org). Many students are not doing their assignments. Thanks for following up.

Again, I am not sure if you are getting this email. If you do get it, would you mind dropping me a quick email to let me know?

Have a wonderful week! And stay safe!

Ruth