

Dear Parents,

Are you ready? CAASPP is this week! Gasp!

This week I have been focusing on how life is going to change for all of us starting this week. In Person kids will start with 2 days a week but soon transition to 4 days a week. Long Distance kids will experience change too as schedules adapt. We will all most certainly feel a little unsettled. Me too! In fact, I worry about whether all the kids (online or at school) will be able to hear me well. I do have a voice amplifier that I will be trying to use and hopefully that helps. Also, I worry about the wifi here at school. Will it be able to handle the increased load? IF I suddenly disappear or freeze please know that most likely it is wifi issues that is happening! If it becomes a major problem, I will let Mrs. Kropp know and she should be able to let you know what's going on. Meanwhile, we will take a deep breath and deal with the ups and downs as best we can. I know that you are there for your kids and will help them if everything seems to fall apart. I guess this is why we have a transition week, right? So we can iron out any issues that occur. We will all be flexible and patient, I know. We've got each other's backs, and I am so grateful!

On to stuff to know...

CAASPP TESTING IS THIS WEEK

We all had a chance to log in and participate in a dry run last week. I believe everyone has their SSID number. Whew!

Please check out the new page on our website titled CAASPP test. This has important information on how to get tech help if you run into an issue, a video for students that explain how to log in, and more. As you know, we practiced signing into a test session. This involved writing down and then entering the Session ID Code. This was a little trickier. Not everyone was successful. This is difficult because I only get the ID a few minutes before the test. That means I can't email it out in the morning to everyone. Also, unless you are accessing 2 devices, once your child is on the secure browser they have to have all other apps and tabs closed. So that means no emailing me for help. Also, keep in mind that this Session ID Code does expire, so once I have stopped the test, they won't be able to use it later. **My plan remains the same: if you need a Session ID please text me at 650-279-3110. I will text it to you.** If your child experienced difficulties last week, I am confident that you have worked through it. I know many of you reached out to Mrs. Satya for help. Hooray!

I understand that we are all busy and cannot always be right there during the school day. IF it is possible, please consider checking in at 12:45 when your child goes back to our meet after lunch. That is when I will give the Session ID Code. If you are able to help, and can make sure they get logged in to the test, that would be awesome. If this is not possible, please remind your child that they should go to meet.google.com and then type in the code `lincolntech`. Mrs. Satya will be there to help.

I know this is new and different for all of us. I am used to being there in person and helping anyone who needs it. This year it feels a lot like I am flying blind. You probably feel like that too! We will do our best.

Just FYI, there will be 2 math tests and 2 language arts tests. We will do one test a day. The language arts test involves reading passages and answering questions. One of the language arts tests involves writing something based on a prompt. It is assigned randomly. Some students will be asked to write a

narrative, some will be asked to write an opinion essay. Some students will be asked to write an information essay. This test session is usually the longest one. For all 4 tests, if students cannot log into the test or are not able to finish a test, they will be assigned a make-up session at a later time.

HYBRID TRANSITION WEEK IS STARTING

This is a week with a double whammy. First, we are all doing the CAASPP test in the afternoons so there will not be “normal school” after lunch. Secondly, we are starting our hybrid schedule with In Person kids coming to school.

If your child is Cohort A, s/he will come in the morning on Monday and Tuesday. If your child is Cohort B, s/he will come in the morning on Thursday and Friday. However, this is not for a full day this week. For the days and times that they do not go to Lincoln, they will resume doing school online. If your child is Long Distance, even though they will be doing everything online like normal, things will be a little different. One main way is that schedules are changing for everyone (like lunch, recess etc.). Just FYI, the plan is for me to teach to the online kids and in school kids concurrently. The online kids will still be able to see me present and write examples etc. on the meet like normal. The at school kids will be able to see me present on the meet and also they will see it projected larger in the front of the classroom. Students in both groups will be able to ask questions and interact with each other.

I have changed the Remote Learning Schedule page on the website to a new **Hybrid Learning Schedule. Please check this out and go over it carefully with your child.** There is a section explaining what is happening from the In Person perspective and also from the Long Distance perspective. Please keep in mind that this schedule will change for the week of April 19. Then it will change on the week of April 26 when the Cohorts are dissolved and In Person kids come to school for 4 days a week. We will take this one step at a time.

FYI, the deadline to make any changes (either way) is April 9. Just email Mrs. Kropp.

STEAM PROJECT

As you know, a ziplock bag went home last week full of fun stuff! This is something Ellerbees can do instead of the Lincoln Choice Board on Wednesdays. Have fun!

Here is a link to information and ideas: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_UqJEBWoV7BzoW-csx-1y0bzl_JsiUSfJTzhKvfE5s/edit?usp=sharing

ROCKS AND EGG CARTONS

As we get ready to start our geology unit, I sent home the bag of rocks. Please use an egg carton to organize them. It would be helpful to use a Sharpie and write the rock's numbers in each egg section. Thank you!

Hope this information was not too overwhelming! It is one week until spring break! Hooray!

Stay safe

Ruth