

November Newsletter 2020

Dear Meeker Families,

We want to thank you for all of your support over the first trimester! You have been so positive and supportive of our students and staff. We are thankful for you always being positive and flexible in your thinking as we have had to make changes along the way to support the work that is being done at Meeker. We also appreciate your willingness to seek to understand situations before reacting to something that your child has shared with you. Habit five is a challenging characteristic and we are constantly working with our students on seeking for understanding before getting upset. We appreciate the conversations you are having with our teachers when concerns or questions arise. The administrative team has appreciated the opportunities to problem solve with you along with your child's teacher as it is important that we are working together. We are very grateful for our Meeker staff who are continuously working smart to meet the needs of all students. They have been focused on setting routines and expectations to ensure all students are engaged in their learning at all times. Staff have been very flexible in their thinking and have been working diligently to have an all-inclusive mindset utilizing trauma informed practices and restorative practices. This has impacted our climate and culture at Meeker in so many positive ways! We are fortunate to have so many of our staff committed to our students and our building!

We are thankful that we had the opportunity to be in-person learning for the first trimester! Safety is a priority and it was necessary to go to remote learning. We appreciate your flexibility and your patience during this time. We ask for your grace and patience as teachers and our students adjust to remote learning. Any questions or concerns you are welcome to have conversation with the teacher as well as the administrative team. Together we can make this time successful and a win-win for everyone!

Our students continue to grow and we are seeing so much progress in the work they are doing here at school. We are looking forward to our winter assessments that happen during December so that we can see the growth from August/September data. Our teachers are digging into where the students have academic holes and are spending specific times of the day instructing to these gaps while students are still all getting grade level content for a majority of their day.

Some of our biggest celebrations have been in Kindergarten and 1st grade reading! Our students in these two grade levels are growing leaps and bounds and we are so grateful for your support at home while they are doing their homework. Another celebration is around our Math Module Data in grades 2 and 3 grade. We are seeing a grade level average between 70-80% in both of these grade levels.

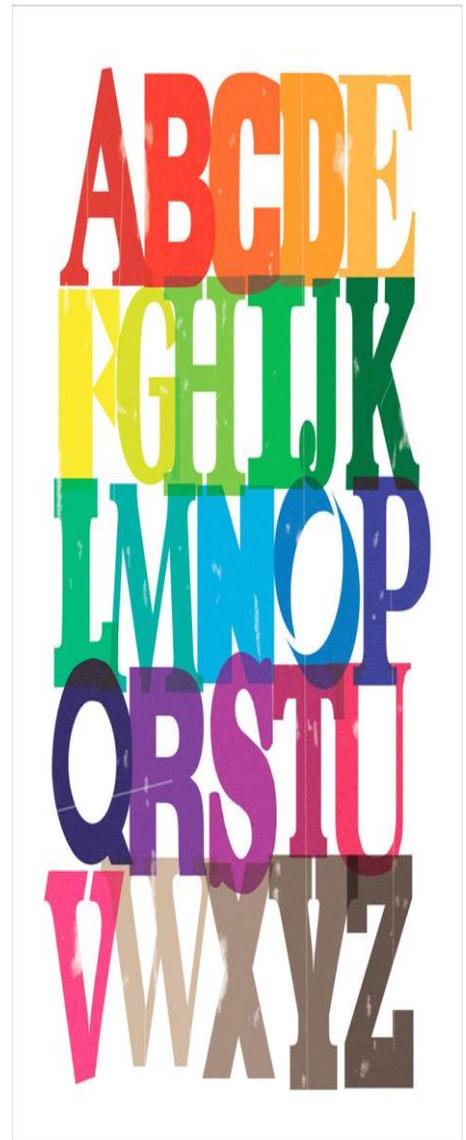
We wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving break! Stay healthy and safe!

Cathy, Alison, and Kelly



Upcoming Events

11/2-12/17: OPEN ENROLLMENT
12/4: MSA meeting Virtual 1:00 pm
11/30-12/17 Remote learning only
12/18-1-4/21: WINTER BREAK
1/5/21: Students return to school





TIPS FOR SUCCESSFUL REMOTE LEARNING

- Have students get up ahead of time and do their normal morning routine to get ready for school.
 - *Students that come to morning meeting after just waking up have a hard time.
- Be dressed in regular clothes (not pajamas)
- Students need a designated workspace that is quiet to help them stay focused.
 - *please don't do school in bed or laying down*
- Have a storage place for students to keep materials to help them stay organized.
- Be on time to Zoom meetings.
 - *If they show up late it is confusing for them and I can't stop the lesson and separately explain everything they missed.
 - *Some parents set alarms on a cell phone throughout the day as reminders.
- Keep distractions away from student's work area. No toys, pets, siblings, phones etc.
- Have an adult nearby to help with technology issues or if a student is struggling.
- Cameras should be turned on to help students stay focused on the teaching/learning that is happening.
- Make sure you are on the class Remind app. This is how I communicate and share class information.
- Please reach out for extra help with assignments or if you have any questions!
 - *Good communication is so important!



Tips to improve WIFI

Sometimes the issue with the WIFI is the location and placement of the modem....

Check with your Community Office, HOA, or a neighbor to find out if the Internet access is good. From there, call your Internet provider to get a new modem. Set up the new modem and use the tips I am including below.

- 1) Set the modem on a shelf 5 feet high or more if possible
- 2) Point the modem toward the widest part of the room (like you would a fan)
- 3) Remove all objects right in front of the modem
- 4) Turn off other items using the WIFI in the house - to the best you can- smart TVs, cloud-based devices and smart speakers like Alexa, Google Assistant
- 5) Close any open tabs not related to the class - especially any videos, music, and picture files.
- 6) Clear the Cache every time before you close the computer
- 7) If none of the above helps - then Join the video call with video, let the teacher know you are present, wait until they see you, then remind them that you will turn off the video until it's time for you to respond or if they ask a question you want to answer. Less video use requires less bandwidth on the computer

A note from Attendance:

If your student is not able to attend remotely because of a doctor, dentist appointment, or if one is too sick to attend for the morning or the day, please call the attendance line. Leave message if necessary. We are still wanting to know if one is sick, and symptoms they may be having. We are still keeping track of the Covid in our County. The health clerk is available to talk to any of you if necessary. We are working sometimes remotely at our homes, but we will get back with you if you leave message. If your student is having computer issues, or trouble connecting, let me know of this too. We want everyone at Meeker to succeed during these times.

Please call if you change your cell or land line telephone number. If you need your email address changed as well, let us know. We need to have updated and current numbers and emails for district calls and emails from district, school, or teacher.

