

Dear Third Grade Families,

Hello! I hope you are all doing well and are staying healthy :) Thank you all so much for your hard work these past two weeks during this e-learning adventure. I have so appreciated your support and patience as we all navigate this new experience. Based on the experiences we have had on ClassDojo the past two weeks, I have found a new platform that will better suit our needs moving forward with e-learning.

We will now be using the SeeSaw platform for students and families. I know that we have all become familiar with ClassDojo and I am going to do everything I can to support you in this transition. I understand that this may take some time to adjust and adapt, so this next week will definitely be a learning experience for all of us together. As we make this shift, I would love any feedback you would be able to provide about this experience as well as any information that would be helpful for me to know in terms of supporting students through the change.

★ **Why are we switching to SeeSaw?**

- I believe it will be a better platform to teach and review lessons with students
- ClassDojo was limiting in terms of the format and content of activity options
- SeeSaw should make it easier to have the option of a paper or digital choice for assignments
- I believe it will be more beneficial to students, especially as we are still unsure of when things will return to normal

★ **How will parents and families be supported?**

- Written step-by-step instructions with visuals for various features of SeeSaw
- Video tutorials of different features and accessibility for students and parents via computers and phones
- Continued availability via messages, both on SeeSaw and ClassDojo
- Communication still available via ClassDojo
 - Note: All student work will be assigned and turned in on SeeSaw but communication will be on both platforms
- I will be available for phone calls and texting daily between 9am-3pm. (773-242-7736)
 - If those times don't work for you, I'm happy to schedule a time outside of those hours to fit with your schedule.

★ **How will students be held accountable for their work?**

- While we are not physically in school, e-learning days are still school days and according to the Archdiocese, students are still expected to complete and receive credit for their work.
- Daily attendance check-ins are still required
- Students need to have all assignments submitted daily by 4pm.

- If at any point you are having a hard time meeting the deadlines or making our schedules work, please reach out and let me know! I am more than happy to find a way to make this manageable for you and work with you, your schedule and your family, as long as we are clear and consistent in communicating with each other.
- Grades will be entered for student assignments at least once a week on PowerSchool. Students will receive grades for the following assignments:
 - 20 minutes of iReady Reading and iReady Math daily
 - Students will be graded for the minutes completed each day.
 - Any assignments assigned on SeeSaw
 - Everyday Math games will not be graded but are strongly encouraged and are great if you are looking for a fun way to keep your student engaged for a while.

Thank you so much for your support through this time. I am excited to continue to work with you as we work through this new situation and work together to support our children's learning and well-being. Please let me know if I can help to support you in any way or if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Ms. Devens