

May 1, 2020

Dear Hegarty Family,

I hope everyone is doing well and in good spirits. It has been so nice speaking to families and students during the school closure. To continue our communication with students and their teachers, our weekly Google Meets will begin Friday, May 1st. Be sure to check the Island Park homepage as well as the Francis X. Hegarty teacher webpages for scheduled Google Meet days and times. I'm looking forward to seeing the children and staff during this time. It has been too long since I've seen the beautiful smiles of my Hegarty children. I truly miss you all and cannot wait to see you at the Google Meets.

Our Google Meets will provide the children with a sense of community. It will also allow time for the children to connect with their peers and teachers. This connection is necessary to support the social and emotional needs of our children. As the students prepare for their Google Meets, make sure they are in a comfortable spot where they can be seen and are surrounded by some of their favorite possessions. It is important for parents to monitor their children during these Google Meets. The children can practice accessing their e-mails prior to meeting with their peers and teachers. Student e-mail addresses are needed in order to join a Google Meet session. We want to keep in mind proper online etiquette during a Google Meet. I know we are all going to be so excited to see one another but want to keep in mind good manners. Remember to listen to others and take turns speaking. We want to give all of our peers the opportunity to participate in the discussion. As a friendly reminder, please do not record or photograph any part of the session. We want to ensure a safe online environment for all.

As we are moving forward in our instruction, pre-k and kindergarten students will have new learning packets delivered to their homes on May 1st. In addition, all students are required to check their teacher's website daily for assignments and updates. It is also important to click on the special area teacher webpages daily. Mrs. Horn and Ms. Appel have been busy organizing our Virtual Art Show. Students, please remember the deadline for your submissions is May 15th. This is your time to display your artistic talents. Continue to send in pictures of your artwork! I know this is going to be a show to remember.

As always, please feel free to e-mail me at ccameron@islandparkschools.org. If you have any questions or concerns, please continue to use the "virtual hand raise" code in the email subject to communicate with your me and your child's teacher(s). Be sure to check my principal page for daily updates and news. We are Hegarty Strong!

Ms. Cameron