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Good Afternoon Families,

The weeks leading up to our Blended Learning opening were met with a great deal of uncertainty. However, the strong desire to have students return to our school building kept us on track with our ever-changing re-opening plans. Now that we have students back in classrooms, the building is once again, alive with the excitement and energy of in-person teaching and learning. Our ultimate goal will be to bring students back on a more regular basis and of course, full time when allowed.

I am so pleased with the manner in which our students are adjusting to the new rules in school. They are ALL wearing masks appropriately and they are adjusting to an “Instructional Lunch” in the classroom. We are so very proud of them.

Being back in our Blended Learning environment also means a great deal of time spent learning remotely. I know that this puts a great deal of responsibility on caregivers, especially for our younger students. We thank you for working with us to make the remote learning experience successful. As we move into the school year, we will monitor and revise our plans based on student, teacher, and caregiver feedback.

We have scheduled remote learning so that students are engaged in teaching and learning activities for an entire school day. We encourage students to have a work station at a table or desk for remote learning. Students should have cameras on, be dressed appropriately (no pajamas) and we even encourage students to wear their PS/MS 114 shirts for their live lessons.

Remote Days are organized by cohorts. It is important to stick to your cohort on remote days so that groups are manageable for our remote teachers. Each at-home cohort can be comprised of 25-30 students. If students change cohorts on remote days, it can create a larger group that is not conducive to learning for the remote students. It also creates challenges for the remote teacher in planning for break out groups and keeping track of student attendance.

Remote Teachers on each grade continue to plan with the in-person teachers so that lessons are moving along with consistency and continuity. Our pre-recorded mini-lessons in the elementary school are a support for students and caregivers if re-teaching is necessary or in case a younger student misses a lesson on a remote day.

Some Daily Reminders for Students and Families:

- Please complete the daily health screening and show upon entrance to the school building. Bus students can bring the paper copy with them or show the screening on your mobile device to the bus driver
- All adults MUST wear a face mask on school property. This includes the schoolyard and sidewalks around the school building at arrival and dismissal times.
- Please check the “In Person Cohort Calendars” on our website to ensure that students are attending school on the correct days.

We thank you for your continued support as we transition into the 2020-21 school year.