

Dear parents and guardians,

Hello, I hope you and your family are well. This should not be the only communication you are receiving this week from Aldo middle school. A weekly update went out recently and I believe a whole-school letter with the schedule did as well. I want to make sure you know I'm still here for your child as his or her teacher, just working from home.

It has been good for our spirits to see each other over Zoom these last few weeks. Here are some of the things I let the 7th graders know about, that you should be aware of as well, as we enter the final quarter of this (very eventful) school year.

1. The latest decision is that 3rd quarter grades are semester grades. 4th quarter will be pass/fail.
2. I will grade whatever students hand in from last week and this week (things I've posted in Google classroom) and will apply them to the 3rd quarter. The deadline for these two opt-in weeks' work is this Friday, April 3 at 10 pm.
3. Monday, April 6 is the official start of the 4th quarter, which will be 7 weeks long. We middle school teachers have spent a few weeks trying to figure out who needs a Chromebook and Wi-Fi access. At this time we have just a few students who need weekly assignments and materials dropped off at home. We do expect the rest of the students to find their assignments in Google classroom, complete them, and digitally turn them in. Those joining Zoom on the school Chromebooks are asked to go to [Getting Started On Chrome OS](#) for support.
4. Face-to-face class meetings and discussion for the whole 7th grade will occur in Zoom rooms Monday through Thursday for 7th graders. Humanities meets on Mondays and Wednesdays and Math and Science meets Tuesdays and Thursdays.
5. Our Monday meeting will be the Book Share that was assigned to students at the end of February and that I reminded them about all the time. More information is posted in Google classroom.
6. We began the year with the unit on the European Renaissance and Age of Exploration. Third quarter was more traditional. Fourth quarter will be a return to holistic methods in our Pueblo-Spanish unit. Traditional colonial Spanish and Pueblo crafting tradition is a part of this unit, and I am putting together some kits available for pick-up next week. Mrs. Chaney is thinking about putting together some science kits as well. We'll update you soon.

Thank you for supporting your 7th grader's learning this 4th quarter. Please know that if there is any question about any assignment I have posted or will post, I want you to reach out and text me. I'm still here! 313-7305.

BE WELL!

Ms. Aversa

Dear Families,

I want to echo Emily's points 1, 3, and 4 and add a few from me:

7. I did not ask students to complete assignments these last couple of weeks - we just practiced checking Google Classroom and using Zoom to meet. It is important that students get in the habit of checking in on Google Classroom so that they are able to receive assignments, complete them and get them turned in. To simplify this, I would like all students to join the class "Continuous Learning with Chaney" so that we can just use one classroom. I will post both Math and Science work here. All students have been invited and they will see this when they visit Google Classroom.

8. If your children (or you!) are concerned about their 3rd quarter grade, they can put forth effort into future assignments to improve their grade to passing.

9. Having a schedule can be really useful for kids as routine and structure can help them to feel safe and make life feel more normal. Here are a few tips: Maintain a normal sleep schedule and meal times. Ask kids how they would like to spend their day. Involve them in creating a daily plan and don't be afraid to adjust as needed. And please make sure to include a walk outdoors at least once a day and plenty of time outside getting fresh air. To that end, please review the suggested daily and learning time schedule. The state suggested that three hours of work per day is reasonable for grades 6-8. You can always adjust this according to your child.

10. Please add yourself to the Bloomz app that I have been sending out. I will continue to use this for parent/teacher communication. If you need help, please get in touch with me. One more place to find information is on Aldo's website: www.aldocs.org - check out the Continuous Learning button.

Please, please, please get in touch with me if you have questions about anything! 575-313-4447 Thank you for continuing to support your 7th grader! Tell them I miss them and I will see them on the ZOOM.

Ms. Chaney