



Fremont Public Schools

Pathfinder Elementary

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Dear Pathfinder Families,

I hope that you are all staying healthy and are enjoying some time with your children. Here at Pathfinder, we have been busy with preparing for the challenges of the last few months of school. Our teachers are embracing the challenge and will be reaching out to you in the next few days to ask you how you are doing, what help you may need, and how best to get assignments to you in the next several weeks.

Grade level teams will be working together to create engaging activities for your child to complete as they are able. The expectation is that your child will spend around 60 minutes per day on school work and another 30 on specials, such as p.e. and music. This time may be spread throughout the day, according to your work or family schedule. However, your child will thrive most if they have a predictable schedule for their work.

The focus will be on reading, math, writing/ word work, and science/social studies. If your child received special education services or math or reading intervention services, their teachers will also be sending work in the same packet. Please do what you are able. Our hope is that a combined, streamlined effort on the part of our teaching teams will alleviate some of the stress parents are feeling right now. While academic work is important, we are most concerned right now with your family's emotional health during this challenging time.

Your child will be able to receive the work in 2 ways: electronically or on paper. Whatever is available online will also be available on paper. For example, if the 2nd grade teachers post a video of a math lesson, there will be a similar lesson in the packet that will help you guide your child as they complete the work. Your child will receive their work in a large yellow envelope, unless you download it from Skyward or our website. To return the work, you may take pictures of completed work and email it to the teacher, you may have your child show the teacher via Zoom or Class Dojo, or you may return it in the yellow envelope via the bus or lunch pick up locations.

Teachers will have a total of at least 4 hours per week available during which you may call to ask questions. They will let you know what these hours are. In addition, they will be contacting you weekly via phone, Zoom, or other methods. You may also email them at any time, and they will return your message within 24 hours.

Here are a few other answers to some common questions we have received here at Pathfinder:

- **When will Kindergarten Round up happen?** We will post additional information about kindergarten round up as it becomes available. Kindergarten enrollment packets are available between 9-3 p.m. at the Administration building on Pine Street. They are also available on our website. Please go to www.fremont.net. Click on "Forms," the "New Students," then "Pathfinder." The enrollment packet may be downloaded from there. You may also call 924-2350 to have one mailed to you.

- **When may we pick up our students' items from school? When may we return library books?** We are following the State and School Board directives regarding entry into our building. For now, only teachers are allowed in the building, as they have been redeployed as essential workers. Be assured that your child's items are safe. If there is something specific you need, please let your child's teacher or me know, and we will do our best to get it to you.
- **What about teacher request forms?** Teacher request forms are available at the Administration Building for pick up between 9-3 p.m. Forms are due for incoming 1st and 2nd graders by April 15. They are due for incoming kindergarteners on May 1st.

Please reach out at any time if there is a way I may help you. You may email me any time at jferris@fremont.net. You may also call the Administration Building between 9-3 at 924-2350 if you need further assistance. As of right now that is the phone that will be answered. We look forward to connecting with you in a new way in the coming weeks and ask that you bear with us as we problem solve as we go through this together.

Sincerely,

Jodi Ferris
Principal
Pathfinder Elementary