

École Sunrise Ridge Elementary School

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Dear Sunrise Ridge Families,

We hope that all of you are well and have had lots of time with loved ones over the break, even if some of it was virtual. We recognize that we are all in uncharted territory and that this is stressful for all.

Since the government suspended all in-class instruction on March 17th due to COVID-19, School Districts have been working hard behind the scenes to plan for a new reality during this unprecedented and unpredictable time.

As we are sure you can appreciate, educators have been working hard over Spring Break to plan for this new reality, while also waiting for further direction from the Ministry of Education. As the school staff returns to work on Monday, March 30th, we will continue in a more in-depth fashion with our team planning process to ensure continuity of learning for students.

You will hear from your child's teacher before the end of this week on initial leaning plans. Our focus during the first week after Spring Break is for our school staff to be make a connection with each and every one of our students, to assure them that we are here for them, and that we are thinking of and planning for them. Here is a general outline of week 1.

Monday

- District staff and administration will continue to work on the framework for the new reality of "Learning from Home"
- Secretarial staff updates contacts and emails- please ensure we have the most updated email and phone numbers

Tuesday

- Staff attend online meeting and training related to Continuity of Learning
- Teachers will begin contacting parents and students via different forms of online communication or by phone with the focus on touching base with each family.

Wednesday

- Staff will continue sharing resources and collaboratively planning activities with a specific focus on Numeracy and Literacy.
- Teachers will continue to connecting with students and families

Thursday

 Teachers will distribute the first set of instructional materials/activities for instruction to their students, and provide guidance on how parent/guardians can support their learning

Friday

- Teachers will continue on-line instruction for learners and plan for next week
- A second email will be sent outlining plans for WEEK # 2 from your child's teacher

We ask that families to note the following:

• Stay tuned for emails and FreshGrade announcements. This will be our primary communication. We will be following up with a secondary means of communication in the coming week.

- Please continue being patient as distance teaching and distance learning in this context is new to teachers, students and parents.
- Due to physical distancing and limits to gatherings, please do not come to school to pick up school supplies at this point in time. The school playgrounds and basketball courts are also closed.
- If your contact information has changed over Spring Break, please email Mrs. Wells at wells-sherri@surreyschools.ca or call the school on Monday morning (604-576-3000)

Please watch the following message from our Superintendent, Dr. Jordan Tinney. https://vimeo.com/401370166

Links to written translation: English, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese and Traditional Chinese.

We appreciate your patience and flexibility as we work through our planning.

Please stay safe and take care...

Sincerely,

Staff of Sunrise Ridge