

August 13, 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome to seventh and eighth grade at Arctic Light K-8 School. The option to attend Arctic Light for seventh and eighth grade was a decision you made based on the needs of your child or/and the family. Here at Arctic Light we hope to meet your expectations during this time and we are happy you made this choice and look forward to working with you and your child.

At this time, we will begin with remote learning, there will be a time when we return to the classroom. To create a seamless transition, students will be using their devices in the same manner in the class as they do while working remotely. Students will be meeting with me using Google meet which is in Google Classroom (instead of Zoom) this school year. Meetings will be scheduled for no less than two meetings a week. Meetings will be whole group and smaller meetings as needed. Whole group meetings will be attended by both seventh and eighth grade students or only by grade level.

Parent and teacher communication are an important key to having a successful year. If you have any problems, questions or comments please email me so that we can address this quickly. This type of communication actually is helpful to me to better plan my future lessons. During remote and in person classes we will navigate this school year like every other school in this nation is doing. Even though we did our best to navigate the last semester of last year remotely this school year begins with all parties a little more experienced in remote learning. Grades and attendance will be recorded in PowerSchool. Attendance will include video meetings as well as work that is completed on a daily basis. If you have problems with getting internet, contact the district to see if they have something to assist with this.

To begin the school year, I need to make sure I have the correct email. I do send a lot of emails to parents, so let's make sure the person who wants the email is getting it. If the email you received this letter on is the one that you want to receive daily email on, let me know, "yes, this is the correct email." If it is not send me the email address that you want me to use and which one to take off the list. On the subject line type your child's last name: I have added your email address to a group email for future correspondences, if you want the class emails sent to more than one parent, please send another email from that new email

address, I can copy and paste to assure I get the email address correct. Students will use their school email accounts for messages for students and should check their email daily once school begins.

In the email please tell me if your family is planning to move during this school year and if yes, what are the dates you project this to occur. Do you have a parent who will be deployed? Add any information that you think would help me support your child this school year. When sending messages to me, do not worry about the message being formatted officially, a one line note is enough, if I have questions I will ask in another one line email. The goal will be to communicate without hesitation or hassle. Students can email me as well.

You will be getting more information during week including how your child will be logging on and how the classes work. The beginning of school is August 20, 2020. We are planning a meet and greet for new students on August 18, 2020. If your child came to Artic Light last year they will not have to come meet with teachers. There is a time to pick up devices and materials, I will be sending home text books needed for class. Our Social Studies and Math are online, but expect, literature and grammar textbooks. After I have assured that I have all the correct emails, I will be sending you information as I receive it. You may also be receiving emails from Mr. Keener, the front office and the district office. I am super excited and I am learning so much during this time, I hope your child enjoys the new way of learning. After hearing from you I will be sending you the school supply list.

The supply list is simple, the item we need is a few pairs of headphones for class and home. These seemed to get lost by some or left at home, these are needed in this upcoming school year. 99% of the assignments will be completed on the laptop, so traditional supplies are limited hopeful stuff from last year will suffice. When we come move into in school class we will continue the same format so that transitions are seamless. Please email me as soon as possible so I know that I have your email address correctly. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Wolfe  
907-356-2038 x 28522