

Farnsworth Elementary

Learning Expectations

Dear Farnsworth Family,

We realize that many of you are still trying to decide on distance learning or face-to-face learning for second quarter. We know this can be a difficult choice for some families. Here is some information that may help you as you make a decision. Please let us know if we can be of further assistance as you determine what is best for your family.

Distance Learning:

- Learning will be administered primarily through technology. Internet connectivity is imperative. If you do not have internet capability and still wish to engage in distance learning, please contact the office for options.
- Students will receive instruction in Google Classroom. This will include various modalities of instruction, assignments, and assessments.
- Teachers will communicate with distance learners via email, phone calls, Google meetings, or postings on their Google Classroom.
- Teachers will provide feedback.
- Teachers will continue to follow our district's Proficiency Based Learning policy. Distance learners will be issued grades.
- While the teachers will of course provide support for students as they navigate the technology, this option is definitely better for students who are comfortable with technology.
- Most of the instruction will come in the form of pre-prepared learning activities or videos.
- Opportunities for small group or one-on-one help will be available on Fridays or students can make an appointment with their teacher if they need extra help during the week.
- Students who elect to participate in distance learning will be receiving instruction in the same standards as students attending face-to-face and will be graded on those same standards.
- Because most of the instruction is created in advance, students may largely complete work at any time during the day. The exception would be real-time small groups or consultation appointments that happen in real-time.

- It is expected that parents communicate openly with distance education teachers to support their students' learning, but the ultimate goal is to encourage independent learning skills.
- Students are expected to check their teacher's Google Classroom daily
- Students are expected to do their best work and complete assignments independently.
- Students are expected to complete assignments on time and respect due dates.

Face to Face Learning:

- Students are required to wear masks at all times with the exception of lunch, recess when properly distanced, and PE when certain conditions have been met.
- Classrooms are being disinfected and cleaned multiple times each day. Students are expected to help with wiping down their tables.
- Students use hand sanitizer regularly and follow certain guidelines to mitigate risk of the spread of COVID. For more details on the school-wide COVID plan, please visit our school website.
- Parents are expected to keep children home who are not feeling well or are showing any symptoms. Attendance policies have been significantly relaxed to allow for this. It is imperative that students who are ill remain home. Students need to be symptom free for 24 hours before returning to school.

Please note that parents will need to submit a form indicating whether their student will be participating in face to face or distance learning for that quarter. Once that selection has been made, the student is committed to that modality for the entire quarter and may not change until the following quarter.