



5th & 6th Grade Distance Learning Plan Parent Guide

Purpose:

To provide academic rigor to our students and to actively communicate with our families and community.

Expectations:

- Students will be expected to complete daily lessons/activities which will be provided each Sunday evening via Remind.
- Students using iPads to complete assignments will return completed assignments in the same application they are assigned in - e.g. Showbie, Study Island, etc.
- For students assigned work via packets to receive credit, parents will need to send a picture of the completed work to the child's teacher via Remind or email. Teachers will list their preferred means of delivery in the packet.
- Students should be able to complete daily assignments in approximately three hours each day. (Some may need less time and others additional time.)
- Students are expected to read at least 20 minutes each day and record on a reading log.
- Each homeroom teacher will make contact with each student's parent during the first week and then every couple of weeks.

How To Pick Up Personal Belongings (following CDC guidelines)

- Below are the times this week for 5th & 6th grade student belonging pickups.
- For the health and safety of everyone, we ask that you stay in your car and create a car line going in the opposite direction of our normal pickup/drop-off line. (Cars will pull up in front of the MS building from the west side and exit on the east side. Drivers will tell the staff member their student's name and staff will bring items to the car.)

If your student will be doing pencil paper work, the first week's packet will be sent with you at this time as well.

Thursday, April 2 - 6th Grade

5:00 - 5:30 - Mr. Callaway's Homeroom

5:30 - 6:00 - Ms. Mooney's Homeroom

6:00 - 6:30 - Ms. Shepherd's Homeroom

6:30 - 7:00 - For those who are not able to make their designated time

Friday, April 3 - 5th Grade

5:00 - 5:30 - Ms. Jones's Homeroom

5:30 - 6:00 - Ms. Kiener's Homeroom

6:00 - 6:30 - Ms. Porter's Homeroom

6:30 - 7:00 - For those who are not able to make their designated time

If you have more than one student in our building, you only need to come to one pick up time.

If your child has a finished library book, teacher's library book or athletic suit, please return them at this time.

How to Communicate with My Child's Teachers:

- Teachers will have daily office hours of 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in Remind to assist your child and help students with any problems that might arise. Office hours will be used to set up phone calls or virtual meetings with your student if the parent requests. Virtual meetings may include but is not limited to: Facebook, Zoom, Google Classroom.
- Students may message teachers through Remind with questions and teachers will respond.
 - Students must have joined the MS Remind group by texting @2a28cc4 to 81010 to be able to message teachers or may have parents send a message.
- Parents/guardians can send a message to the teacher through Remind or email and the teacher will call at earliest opportunity to make arrangements with parents to talk to the student or to set up a virtual meeting if needed.

How to Return Completed Work

- Students using iPads will return completed work as instructed by each teacher.
- Students using packets must have a parent take a picture of the completed work and send the picture to the teacher as instructed in the packet.

How to Get Assignments

- Students using iPads for distance learning will be able to access assignments in the various applications on their iPads. A list of assignments will be provided through Remind each Sunday evening for the week.
- Students using packets for their distance learning will receive their first packet at belonging pick up on Thursday or Friday. After the first week, packets may be picked up each Monday in front of the MS building between 11 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. or 6 pm - 7 pm. (Please do not get out of your car.)

Will Work Be Graded

- Yes, academic expectations and integrity remain in force.
- At least two grades per week will be expected in Math and Reading and one to two grades per week in ELA, Social Studies and Science.

Meals

- Meals will be provided each week to any child 18 and under, as well as any student older than 18 who is still enrolled in school.
- Meals are available to be picked up grab and go style from 11:30 - 12:00 each day from behind the school cafeteria, Merritt Mobile Home Park, Potter Trailer Park and Carter Fire Department.
- Meals are available for pick up on Mondays and Wednesdays.
- Monday's pick up will include two breakfasts and lunches.
- Wednesday's pick up will include three breakfasts and lunches.

Special Education Services

- If your child participates in the Special Education program their Special Education teacher will contact you to make arrangements for support and services.
- Students receiving speech services will be provided with individual instructions.
- You may contact your child's Special Education teacher at any time through Remind or email should questions or concerns arise.
- IEP meetings will be conducted via teleconference or videoconference in accordance with due dates.

Counseling

- If you or our child should need to speak with our school counselor, Mrs. Cantrell, you may send a message via email at cantrelld@merritt.k12.ok.us and she will get back with you as soon as possible.
- In an emergency please 911

Returning iPads and other School Property

- May 8th will be the day we have students return iPads/chargers and any other other school property they need to return. We will send out the particulars at a later day.

Questions/Communication

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Rundle through Remind, email (rundlet@merritt.k12.ok.us) or leave a message at the school (580-225-5460, ext. 204) and she will get back to you as soon as possible.

Teacher Emails

Cody Callaway - 5th & 6th SS - callawayco@merritt.k12.ok.us

Leah Cosby - 4th -8th Special Education - cosbyl@merritt.k12.ok.us

Mandy Jones - 5th & 6th ELA - jonesm@merritt.k12.ok.us

Britne Kiener - 5th Math & 6th ELA/Reading - kienerb@merritt.k12.ok.us

Michelle Mooney - 6th Math & 6th Science/SS - mooneym@merritt.k12.ok.us

Heather Porter - 5th & 6th Reading - porterh@merritt.k12.ok.us

Randall Davis - Speech Therapist - davisr@merritt.k12.ok.us

Gina Shepherd - 5th & 6th Science - shepherdg@merritt.k12.ok.us