



Distance Learning Expectations

In the event of an extended school closure, The Meridian School will initiate a **Distance Learning Plan**. The goal of distance learning is to continue students' conceptual understanding and skill development and to continue planned learning as much as possible.

In the event of a school closure, Meridian will follow the below timing:

Day 1 of closure - No action required for teachers or students

Day 2-3 of closure - Teachers will email home choice boards to the grade level email list. Students should spend approximately 60-90 minutes working on the Choice Boards per day, as well as reading for 20-30 minutes. Teachers will also send an email home with information about the Distance Learning Platform for their grade.

Day 4 and beyond - Distance Learning will begin.

We ask that students from Grades K - 5 make every effort to complete the assignments they receive as best they can. We understand that this may look different for each child. You can anticipate that your child will have approximately 2 hours of work in total from their Classroom and Specialists Teachers to complete each day.

Below are some guidelines that we hope you will find helpful:

- Work will be posted on the distance learning platform (Google Classroom or SeeSaw) by 4 pm the day before it is to be completed.
- PDF's of the assignments, as well as a checklist for the day, will be posted. These assignments can be printed to help facilitate completion of each activity.
- The Distance Learning Platform will include a timeframe of how much time children should spend on a given subject area. Do not have your child spend more time than suggested, and please email your child's teacher if you observe that the timing is not as anticipated/expected for your child.
- Specialist work will be posted for the week alongside the classwork on the required distance learning page for the grade level.
- Learning Specialists will provide support and extension on an as-needed basis.
- Each grade-level team will host Office Hours from 10-11 a.m. each day via Zoom. The Zoom link will be posted on the Distance Learning Platform. This is an opportunity for caregivers to ask questions and seek clarification about assignments and content. Students who have questions need to be joined by a caregiver.
- For child-specific questions related to your child, please email your child's grade-level team. For questions about Specialists activities, please email the appropriate teacher.
- Teachers will post videos of themselves to help students feel connected and to maintain the sense of community when not physically on campus.
- Grades 2-5 will host a Zoom meeting once a week for students. The time/day and link will be posted on the Distance Learning Platform.
- As we continue to adapt to these uncertain times, our priorities remain to ensure that everyone is safe and supported. Please know that your child's teaching team, Sarah Bien, and Elizabeth Hodgson, are all available to support you and your family.
- If students need device support, a Chromebook can be collected from the Main Office, or will be sent home with your child on Monday, 3/9.