

MES Family Update - September 8

Good evening MES Families,

We hope that your children had a terrific first day of school. MES staff was thrilled to have students back in the building.

We have a few things for you today:

\*Morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up will take a few days in order for us to iron out the kinks. The process will get smoother, but with the sheer volume of drop-offs - and especially pick-ups - it's going to be a pretty lengthy process.

\*If drop-off or pick-up backs traffic up on South Main Street, please pull to the side of the road and use your directional arrow so that vehicles can go around our line if they are not coming into School Drive.

\*At this point in time, and for the first two weeks of school, the only homework that students will have is to complete some reading for pleasure. It should be a book of choice and there will be no parent/guardian signature required, no written response and no reading log. After two weeks, we will add in a little bit of math homework and then after that we'll move forward with our traditional homework assignments.

\*We'd like to send along a thank you to the PTO for purchasing a yoga mat for each student. Yoga mats are being used outside for students to sit on for instruction and for an opportunity to take mask breaks. The PTO also purchased a recess bag - which we are hoping will arrive soon - for each classroom. Each bag will have a variety of recess equipment in it and will be specific to the classroom.

\*As we are working on lunch distribution to students in their classrooms, we are temporarily putting snack sales on hold. We are waiting for some snack carts to arrive which will allow us to easily transport the snacks and to showcase the snack choices. We are hoping to be up and running with lunchtime snack at some point next week.

We hope everyone has a great night and a terrific rest of the week.

Dan & Kim