

# Special Education Team Newsletter for the week of



## September 7, 2020

### Teachers

Mr. DeGroot

Mrs. Berwanger

Ms. Delatte

Mrs. Lane

### Psychologist

Brittany Bernard

### OT

Katie O'Connor

### Speech

Sarah Healy

### Social Work

Mrs. Justice

Mr. C (intern for social work)

### PT

Raymie Doyle

Tracy Riley (PT assistant)

## Vision

Allison Serbin

## Hearing

Bridgett Lessentien

Your child will need to join their homeroom teacher's zoom by following the zoom link or QR code on the teacher's Google Classroom, daily at 7:45 am, for attendance. Their first class will start at 7:55 am. Please remind your student that they should be dressed, have had breakfast, and be ready to start their day for attendance at 7:45. Try to have them limit distractions in their surroundings while on zoom. Starting Monday, teachers will begin teaching the curriculum and assigning assignments. If your child needs assistance they can join any teacher's zoom daily from 1:15-2:00 for help. Teacher's may need to set up a time for the student to return to their zoom if they have more than one child waiting for help at a time. Please encourage your child to utilize this time if they need extra help.

## What is WIN?

What I Need, WIN, is a time that all students have built into their school day. During this time, students might get pulled into a zoom for related services they receive, or for resource support time. Students may also be asked to do interventions or progress monitoring during WIN.

Mrs. Lane's Instructional ELA: Thank you parents for your patience as I learn to navigate the world of technology this week. My hope is that your child feels like he or she has learned at least one new trick or was able to fix one kink with the ipad using zoom or google classroom this week. We will all get there, it will just take us a bit to figure it all out. Your children have been so patient as well. It is much appreciated. Tuesday, we will begin our first novel in iLit, which is

Because of Winn Dixie. iLit encompasses fluency, basic reading, comprehension, writing, and many other components of literacy. Work will be assigned at the end of our synchronous time, 9:25, and students will stay on zoom to work with my paraprofessional, Mrs. Peppo, so she can answer any questions and students can complete their work.

**Mrs. Lane's Instructional Math:** Again, thank you for your patience this first week. Monday students will begin working on the Everyday Math curriculum. They will work in small groups on the lesson with either myself, or Mrs. Peppo, my paraprofessional until 12:05. At that time, all students will be put back into the large group and will be given their math assignment. They will stay in this large group on zoom with Mrs. Peppo. During this time, students can seek assistance for information that they don't understand.

**Mrs. Berwanger's Instructional Science and Social Studies:** Welcome Back!! I'm so impressed how all students are working. Everyday we learn something new with remote learning!! Each day just keeps getting better and better! We will continue working on Chapter 1 in Science-Classifying Plants and Animals! Thank you for being so patient as we work through some technology challenges.

**Mrs. Berwanger's 5th Grade Instructional Math Class:** Welcome Back!! I'm so impressed how all students are working. Everyday we learn something new with remote learning!! Each day just keeps getting better and better! We will continue working in small groups so each student continues to have support with their specific goals and all new material is taught at their own personal level. Thank you for being so patient as we work through some technology challenges.

**Ms. Delatte's Instructional 5th grade ELA:** Welcome Back! I was so excited to see all of the students this week. On Monday, we will begin working in iLit, which is our ELA curriculum. The program is designed

to expose the students to grade level literature, while modeling and teaching different components of comprehension. It also includes fluency, basic reading, writing. Our first book is called the Alamo Wars by Ray Villareal. I sent a revised version of your student's schedule earlier this week. The students will be starting ELA at 8:30am and ending at 10:00am. My Zoom room will be on during the entire class. Students will be working in whole group, small group, and individually. We have two paraprofessionals in our class this year, Mrs. Donnelly and Mrs. Martino, who will be participating in each part of the class. We will use ReadLive, sight words, basic reading, as they pertain to their individual goals. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me.

**Ms. Delatte's Instructional Math:** Welcome Back! This year we will be using the Digits curriculum. The program is on their portal and every lesson can be watched online if you child misses class or wants to go through the lesson again. In their pickup bags, I included a Digits binder to go along with the program. The front section of the binder is a workbook and the second section is "show your work" pages for each homework assignment. Your child will have to show their work on those pages and take a pic and send it to me. Their homework is online. I will include a demonstration of Digits during virtual expectation night. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me.

### **Mr. DeGroot's Class**

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! Thank you for being so understanding while we embark on e-learning this year. ELA class will be from 7:55-9:30 each day. Tuesday we are starting iLit Lesson 1-5 and the book title for the unit is "Saint Louis Armstrong Beach" by Brenda Woods. The book is about a clarinet playing boy named Saint from New Orleans. The story takes place before, during and after Hurricane Katrina in August 2005. There

will be synchronous instruction for 60 minutes and 30 minutes of asynchronous learning. During asynchronous instruction, my Zoom will still be active and students can raise their hand for help. We will also be having break out sessions to give small group and individual help. If I'm working with one group of students, Mrs. V., class paraprofessional, will be working with the other group students. I'm looking forward to a great school year! Please reach out to me if you need any assistance or have any questions.