



Parent Guide to Digital Learning

Meadowcreek Elementary
School 2020 ~ 2021

Meadowcreek's mission and vision statements have not changed in the face of this pandemic. Our staff is here to support you and your children. We want to continue to work with you to ensure the best educational experience possible.

Mission

The mission of Meadowcreek Elementary, in cooperation with students, family and community, is to strive for academic excellence while maintaining a high standard of behavior to empower students to acquire the knowledge and skills to become contributing members of a diverse society.

Vision

At Meadowcreek Elementary we envision a school dedicated to academic excellence that provides a safe, secure, positive environment where learning is child-centered, diversity is celebrated, and teamwork, professional growth and community involvement are encouraged.

First Day of School: Wednesday, August 12th at 8:15am

Digital Learning

- **General**

- While our schedule will follow the typical school day, we have incorporated many opportunities throughout the day for brain breaks, opportunities to adjust your schedule as needed (pre-recorded lessons), and opportunities for students to meet live with the classroom teacher for small group instruction. Our digital day will be age appropriate and focused on ensuring the very best instruction for our students.
- Parents will know in advance when their child is scheduled for live instruction during the week. When live instruction needs to be adjusted or sessions added due to student data/need, the teacher will work with the student and/or parent to communicate additional small group times.
- Throughout our day, we have periods of intervention and independent work time. During intervention and independent work time, students may be scheduled for additional small groups with the homeroom teacher or support teacher. It will also be an opportunity for the student to take a brain break, complete assignments, complete special area assignments, or review and respond to teacher feedback.
- New content will not be presented to students on Fridays. Review/Reminder mini lessons may be pre-recorded and available for students to access during the day. Additional small group time, remediation or enrichment activities, counselor lessons, and special area lessons will also be a part of the Friday schedule. Students may have an assessment on a Friday, but they will not be presented with new content.
- Your main lesson times are the same every week, which will assist families with planning. Your small group times may vary.

- **Online Environment**

- Students learn best when their video is “on” during live Zoom/Google Meet instruction. Teachers will instruct students on procedures for “muting” and “un-muting” microphones.
- Students learn best when working from a table or desk as if they are learning at school. Limit distractions when possible.
- Please be aware of the background. Students (and any family members that might be on camera) should be appropriately dressed.

- **Material Pick-Up**
 - Meadowcreek will provide school supplies to students who need them to complete assignments. Please contact your child's teacher to let her know of the need. A pick up time will be arranged.
- **Chromebooks and Hotspots**
 - Chromebooks and hotspots will be available to all students in need. Chromebooks will be distributed on August 7 and 10 from 8:00am-11:00am and 1:00pm-3:00pm.
- **Grading**
 - **Grade Weights / Assessments**
 - Grades from all courses will include classroom activities and assessments.
 - **Make-Up Work**
 - Unless absent, students are expected to submit work to the appropriate teacher when it is due. eClass will house assignments and information for the student.

How to Support my Student

- **Provide structure at home.**
 - Identify an appropriate place to attend live instruction within your home.
 - State expectations for your child to follow the day's schedule.
 - It might be helpful to write a schedule out on a white board or paper for your child each day. This is especially important if your child goes to more than one teacher during the school day (for example, a resource teacher).
- **Encourage your child to:**
 - Participate in class
 - Raise hand to ask/answer questions
 - Ask a question in the chat
 - Respond to questions in the chat
 - Complete tasks they are assigned
 - Have FUN and ENJOY learning
- **Monitor Your Child's Progress.**
 - Check grades in the Parent Portal
 - Read emails from your child's teachers
 - Discuss learning with your child daily
- **Reach out to the school for support. Our teachers, counselors, and administrators are here to help and support you!**
 - **Administrators:**
 - Adrienne Tedesco, Principal

- Adrienne.tedesco@gcpsk12.org
 - Dr. Ashlei Haskell, Assistant Principal (Kindergarten, 1st grade, DLI, and Specials)
 - Ashlei.haskell@gcpsk12.org
 - Haley Thompson, Assistant Principal (2nd grade, 4th grade, Special Education, ESOL)
 - Haley.thompson@gcpsk12.org
 - Dr. Jackie Tison, Assistant Principal (3rd grade, 5th grade, Special Education, Title I)
 - Jackie.tison@gcpsk12.org
- **Counselors:**
- Mi'esha Reynolds, Counselor (3rd-5th grades)
 - Miesha.reynolds@gcpsk12.org
 - Lindsay Nelson, Counselor (Kindergarten-2nd grades)
 - Lindsay.nelson@gcpsk12.org
- Please reach out to your counselor if you need additional support or resources.

Communication ~ Stay connected with Meadowcreek Elementary

- Teacher hours are 7:30am-3:30pm. Your child's teacher may not be available to answer questions outside of these hours.
- E-mail
 - Meadowcreek Staff Email: (firstname.lastname@gcpsk12.org)
- Remind 101
 - For timely updates from the principal, please sign up for Remind 101. Text 81010 to @3fefe8 to join the text feed.
- Social Media
 - Twitter: @meadowcreekelem
 - Facebook: @meadowcreekelem
- Weekly Newsletter
 - On Friday, parents will receive a "Week at a Glance" email from your child's teacher. Within this template, teachers will outline the following week's learning (lesson times, live vs. recorded lessons, students receiving small group instruction, specials schedule, etc.).
 - When any changes are made to the schedule, the teacher will communicate with the parents.
- Meet Your Teacher/Open House
 - Virtual Open House will be on Tuesday, August 4th for 1st-5th grades. It is a live 20 minute session to meet the homeroom teacher virtually, and hear about the upcoming year. A link will be emailed from the classroom teacher to parents on August 3rd for this session. Please log on with your child during the designated time on Tuesday, August 4th.

VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE FOR TUESDAY, AUGUST 4th:

- Virtual 1st grade Session: 12:30pm

- Virtual 2nd grade Session: 1:00pm
 - Virtual 3rd grade Session: 1:30pm
 - Virtual 4th grade Session: 2:00pm
 - Virtual 5th grade Session: 2:30pm
 - Virtual Kindergarten Session: 3:00pm (If you are unable to attend the in-person Open House/Meet your Teacher for Kindergarten in the morning, this session will be available.)
- **All Kindergarten students and new students:** (plus one adult) are invited to attend an **in-person** Open House/Meet the Teacher on Tuesday, August 4th. Please follow our schedule and times, so that we may reduce the number of families in our building and have time to clean in between sessions. A virtual Open House/Meet the Teacher is also available for all Kindergarten Classes families that do not attend the in-person meeting.

IN PERSON OPEN HOUSE/MEET THE TEACHER FOR KINDERGARTEN ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 4th:

8:00-8:45am: A-G

9:15-10:00am: H-N

10:30-11:15am: O-Z

**Please bring your student with you, so they are able to meet the teacher. Only one adult is allowed to accompany your student (no siblings). Please wear your mask and bring your own pen. All sessions will conclude promptly at the ending time so that we may clean for the next group. Thank you for your help with this.

We are a family at Meadowcreek Elementary! We miss our students and families so much. We are working hard as a staff and school to ensure we remain connected until we are able to be in-person learning again. While we will not have “in person” clubs at this time, we will be hosting some special virtual club opportunities during Specials that your child will participate in on occasion.