

Hello Miller Families,

Welcome back! We are about to embark on an extraordinary start to the 2020-2021 school year. As you know, school starts Thursday, August 6th and we will have our very first start with 100% virtual learning for all students. Each student will follow a virtual instructional schedule very similar to what they would have when attending school in-person.

Mavericks, although learning will be virtual expectations for school remain the same. Daily attendance is critical for your success. It is important that you treat virtual learning the same as you would if you were attending school here at Miller. Teachers will be taking attendance daily which will count towards your successful completion of the school year as required. I encourage you to follow your class schedule, engage daily in the live direct interactions with your teachers on Zoom and complete the assignments posted in Schoology. Schoology will be utilized as the learning management system where you will find all your posted online learning activities, resources, and parent communication.

Parents, I ask that you partner with us to ensure that your child is engaging in virtual instruction and completing their assignments every day. Here are a few suggestions to help with having a successful virtual environment at home:

- Create a workspace or area at home (maybe the kitchen table or small area in the living room)
- Post a visible daily class schedule at the workspace
- Treat the virtual learning day as a regular school day
- Ensure your child follows the class schedule
- Check the Schoology folders frequently
- Encourage your child to contact teachers promptly if help is needed

On Wednesday, August 5th we will host a virtual “Meet the Teacher” event from 5 pm – 6 pm. At “Meet the Teacher” you will have the opportunity to interact with your teacher, learn more about your class schedules, and expectations for virtual learning. Teachers will be contacting you by phone this week to introduce themselves and communicate more information to you about this event. Your teachers are eagerly waiting to meet and know more about you.

Information and updates will be delivered via text, phone call, social media and by your teachers. Please check Miller Intermediate’s website as well as the district’s webpage for updates.

Mavericks, we truly miss seeing and interacting with you. Although we are not able to meet and greet in-person, we are eager to meet you virtually and begin your learning safely in all the ways we can, paving the path to a successful year of learning. Welcome back Mavericks!