

# Manatee News for eLearners

*For Riviera eLearning Families ~ August 30, 2020*

## **A note from Mrs. Myers**

eLearning parents,

It has been a good first week of eLearning. While we've had some hiccups, things seem to be going better now and we appreciate your flexibility as we navigate these uncharted waters!

I know you see that eLearning is challenging and very different from distance learning in the spring. We will get through this together but we need your help!

I have a few important reminders below. Please read them carefully. The most important thing to remember is that eLearning is a COMMITMENT from parents and students. I need students participating and engaged for the entire school day. We will start taking strict attendance this week.

If your child is struggling to stay online the entire day or having trouble staying focused, I will start reaching out to these families to discuss these issues.

I also ask that parents only help students with technology or behavior related issues. Parents should not answer questions for students or engage in the instruction from the teacher as that distracts the teacher and other students.

Here's to entering week 2!!! Have a great week!

-Mrs. Myers

## **Important Reminders**

- We will start taking daily attendance on Monday, August 31st. Students must be logged in no later than 8am. The day ends at 2:30pm.
- Any student that logs out and does not complete the full day will either be marked absent (if less than 4 hrs instructional time) or checked out early (if attends greater than 4 instructional hours). Activity, recess and lunch are not included in instructional hours.

- Students should have a QUIET place set up for their learning. This should be free from distractions, including people walking around in the background, animals running around, etc.
- eLearning requires parent support. This is DIFFERENT from the parent sitting by the student the entire day helping the student answer questions. Parents should not communicate with teachers during instruction unless the teacher asks for the parent's help. This distracts other students as well as the teacher.
- eLearning requires that your children are LOGGED ON and PARTICIPATING in the learning.
- eLearning requires that your child is PRESENT throughout the ENTIRE school day.
- We are out of computers. If the computer you have or the one you have borrowed is damaged or the sound stops working, we do not have another for you to borrow at this time.

**Restart your computer each morning BEFORE eLearning begins!**

### **i-Ready Diagnostic Testing for 1st-6th Graders**

We will begin virtual i-Ready diagnostic testing this week. This is an assessment most students can do from home. Your child's teacher will let you know when your student will take the test.

Parents cannot help students with any part of the assessment other than technology issues. If your child has help, then the work your child encounters later on will be too hard for him/her.

Students will need a quiet environment for the assessment free from distractions.

Thank you for your help in making this go smoothly for your student.