

Mann Parent Email Tuesday 4/7/2020

Good Evening Mann Parents!

I missed a week emailing you and I really miss your kids! Last week the district was communicating the new paradigm of mandatory lessons as COVID 19 continues to impact Abilene and I thought I would have those messages take priority. Now that we are working toward a new implementation starting April 13th I wanted to give you some information that I hope will be helpful as we work toward serving your kids through a digital education.

At Mann, we have been working to create some protocols that we hope will help students and parents connect with teachers and content and ultimately, student success. Here are some operational tools:

The district provided lessons are the foundation of student work and are posted to the district website by grade and content. Beginning Monday, April 13th, each student is to submit a work sample for each subject once a week and they can do that through email, Remind or the individual students own teachers Google classroom. Each AISD student has a gmail account. Some students are very familiar with operating with their gmail account to communicate with teachers in a Google Classroom already. For each student to access their gmail account, they simply need to login to google with the username of the student ID number (lunch number) @abileneisd.org for example: 111111@abileneisd.org; If students are logging into the AISD website (which I recommend), they do not need to add the @abileneisd.org and can just use their lunch number as their username. Each student's password is aisdbirthmonthtwodigitsbirthdaytwodigits. For example, if the student's birthday is October 30th, their password would be aisd1030. Please make sure the student is using two numbers for both the month and the day so a birthday of January 1 would be aisd0101 for the password.

At Mann, we wanted to create one place in which you could have your child connect with his or her teacher in a consistent manner so every teacher has created a Google

Classroom. If your child is in 6th grade, he or she has 6 classrooms specific to his or her teacher which can be accessed by logging into his or her gmail (7th graders have 7 and 8th graders have 8.) The links to connect with the teacher's classrooms are in their gmails and all the student has to do is go into his or her student gmail and open the teacher's email and accept the classroom invitation. Inside the Google classroom are the district lesson links as well as: any videos from the teacher with instructions or explanations; announcements for times the teacher can be available "live;" and students can email the teacher directly with questions. Another great feature is the student can email a picture of their work sample or do the work inside the Google classroom and Google classroom automatically saves it.

Teachers will be checking their Google Classrooms each school day and providing feedback and help for their students.

Our teachers are working diligently to support you and your children during this very trying time. We love your kids and want to provide tools and support any way we can. I'll be back on Thursday night with a follow up email (as Friday is a school holiday.) Please let me know if I can help in any way. Kathy

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