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Dear Parents of Grade 5 & 6 Remote Learners,

Phase 2 changes of the Reopening Plan are underway and will affect Grade 5 and 6 students. Students will be attending school five days per week beginning on Monday, October 19, 2020. What this means for your child is that they will now be receiving “live” instruction five days per week by two newly hired, dedicated teachers. The teacher for Grade 5 is Ms. Alexandra Troutman and the teacher for Grade 6 is Ms. Katherine Campbell.

Fifth grade students will receive 75 minutes of daily instruction in the five core academic areas of English Language Arts, Social Studies, Science, Mathematics, and Writing. Sixth grade students will receive 90 minutes of daily instruction in the five core academic areas of English Language Arts, Social Studies, Science, Mathematics, and Reading. Both teachers will be using Google Classroom and Google Meets to communicate and post assignments, classwork, and homework regularly, in conjunction with “live” sessions. The Google Classroom codes will be posted on the Middle School website before October 19, 2020. Extra help sessions will also be offered at the teacher’s discretion and will be coordinated as needed.

“Live” session assignment letters are being mailed this week by the Guidance Department. This means your child should be signed in with the Google class code, ready to learn, with all books and materials readily accessible. Due to the large number of Grade 5 remote learners, children will be assigned to either a morning or afternoon session. For Grade 6 students, remote instruction can only be held in the morning hours due to the teacher’s other afternoon commitments in the building, as she is also part of our AIS staff.

During the week of October 13-16, both Ms. Troutman and Ms. Campbell will meet with the current fifth and sixth grade teachers to plan instruction, ensuring a smooth transition for the following week. On Wednesday, October 14, 2020, teachers will be introduced to your children during the Google Meets session that is conducted by their current homeroom teacher. After that, all educational responsibilities, such as teaching, grading, and attendance, will be the new remote teacher’s responsibility. Should you decide to return your child to in-person learning for Semester 2, they will be placed in the homeroom class they are assigned on or before October 19, 2020.

I believe this new means of remote instruction will better meet the needs of our remote students and offer them more teacher accessibility than in the previous weeks. Both Ms. Troutman and Ms. Campbell are excited to join the Mount Sinai Middle School faculty during these challenging times and look forward to meeting your children online.

Sincerely,

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