Hello Parents,

Well we've just completed the first few days of Distance Learning for the 2020-2021 school year and the students are off to a great start! It is my hope to see many parents out for our first Virtual Back To School Night this Wednesday, September 9, 2020 beginning at 6:30 p.m. You will meet your child’s teacher and hear about the academic program for the year. There is so much in store this school year and I am excited about the direction we are taking here at the school. The teachers as well as the students are on their way through virtual teaching and learning. We have to stay in tune to what our children are learning on a daily basis. I encourage you to stay in constant contact with your child’s teachers.

We must exhibit patience when it comes to technology. We are in this together.

Our teachers are doing a wonderful job with the students here at High Bridge. We need you!

Remember: “It takes a village to raise a child.”

~ William J. Kelly

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**Important Dates to Remember:**

**September 7**...........Labor Day Holiday (School Closed)

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**September 9**......Back To School Night 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

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**September 25**......Professional Development (School Closed)

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**September 28**..........Yom Kippur Holiday (School Closed)

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First Grade Fun!

First grade is ready to begin our 2020 virtual school year with new friends and lessons to become life-long learners! Parents can assist their children daily by helping to read and edit classwork and return completed assignments daily in Google Classroom or writing assignments through emails on Fridays. We are ready to begin unit 1 with reading new sight words, retelling, rhyming, making words, sequencing stories, sharing ideas and making comparisons about story events. In math, we are learning numbers 1-120 and preparing to practice tens and ones. Use small items at home or your math supplies to make groups of tens and ones. In social studies, we are discussing how to be a good citizen, which ties in with how we follow school and home rules. Lastly, in science we are observing parts of the Earth and how we preserve it. Please check your child’s home folders/journals and work each day, stay organized in your home learning space and return work daily! School notes will be sent home each week in our Google Classroom. We appreciate you and the time you will take to work with your child each day. Let’s have a super start together and be on time for school each day, ready to learn by choice!

Second Grade News!!!

Welcome Back! The first week of school was very unique, but productive. Students were eager to learn and engaged in learning classroom rules, routines and completing assignments in Google Classroom. Thank you for all of your support and patience. What a wonderful start to the new school year! Below you will find a snapshot of what students will learn this month.

Reading: Students will learn how to Visualize and identify Story Elements (character, setting and events) in order to help them understand the text and retell the story. They will also review and practice how to blend and read words with short vowels. Students will review the following grammar skills: how to identify and write a complete sentence, when to use capitalization and punctuation. Students will learn about writers and what it means to be an author. They will have many opportunities to write about different topics, share ideas with their friends and learn the steps to the writing process.

Math: We are practicing our addition and subtraction facts. We will continue working on the mastery of these facts during the year as we explore other topics in Math. By the end of Second Grade students are expected to know these facts by memory. We will begin to explore money and skip counting by 2s, 5s, and 10s.

Social Studies: Students will soon receive a consumable textbook that they can write in as they learn about the world around them. They will also receive access to the book online that will enable them to explore many on-line features including videos and educational games. Our first unit is: Citizenship - Our Roles and Responsibilities. We will learn how to be good citizens and about how our government works.
Third Grade Happenings…..

Launching Into 3rd Grade

As we soar through the clouds of uncharted Distance Learning opportunities, our eager 3rd Graders are discovering the elements of “What Makes a Literacy Community?” Rich, LIVE Zoom™ discussions follow students into the stars with Choice Boards hovering skills, probing deeper thinking and writer development.

Ready Set, Yes I Can! I CAN use place value understanding to round whole numbers to the nearest 10 and 100; I CAN use place value understanding to decompose and compose whole numbers; I CAN identify arithmetic patterns in addition and explain them using properties of operations; I CAN add and subtract within 1000 using strategies, algorithms, properties of operation, and/or the inverse relationship between addition and subtraction. What Scientist and Engineers Do How do plants and animals survive their basic needs? In this inquiry process, students will discover how plants disperse seed. Exploring how both plants and animals survive in different habitats is the quest.

Fourth Grade Happenings!

The fourth-grade team welcomes our new students to the 2020-21 school year. We look forward to an exciting and enriching year of distance learning.

Reading/Writing: HELLO, FAMILY! Over the next three weeks, our class will build their knowledge about identity, with a focus on a variety of story types. We will read texts and view videos about how our experiences help shape our identity.

AT HOME-Learning fun for the whole family! Set aside time daily for your child to share with you what he or she is learning. Use these ideas to help build your child's knowledge about the topic: • Talk about the ideas your child has added to the Knowledge Map each week. • Ask about the texts your child is reading and what he or she has learned from them. • Share with your child your own questions about the topic, and work together to find the answers.

Math: In Grade 4 Unit 1, students build their understanding of the relationship between place value and the standard algorithms for addition and subtraction. Students express, order, compare, add, and subtract whole digit numbers up to a million.

Students apply strategies to solve word problems using various aspects of measurement such as distance, time, etc.

Math Tip for Home: Try real world evaluations with your child. When riding in the car or watching TV play “I Spy” as you look for certain numbers in certain place values. (You say: “I Spy a 3 in the tens place.” Your child finds the number and reads the entire number aloud, correctly or visa versa.)

*** Note: When reading whole numbers without a decimal, there should never be an “and”. [EX: 423=Four hundred and thirty-two} Please make a mental note to gently correct your child each time AND is said in a number without a decimal.

Science: In Science, students are learning what it means to be a scientist. We will revisit units from Third grade, including establishing Distance Learning Norms. As we move into Fourth Grade, students will establish an understanding of the Scientific Method and explore weather systems and patterns.

Health: Students will learn about safety helpers in the community, and resolving conflicts peacefully.

Social Studies: In Social Studies, students will be bridging the gap between where we left off in Third grade and where we start in Fourth! We will be examining various sources and documents to see how these sources teach us about the past. Students will then be learning about how the government works. We will focus on Maryland state and local governments.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our virtual Back to School Night.

Mrs. Edwards / Mrs. Jordan / Mrs. Terrell/Mr. Oputa

Fifth Grade News Flash!!!!!!

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! The 5th grade team is very excited to kick off distance learning and get to know the new students. As we will be using Zoom or Google Meet for our synchronous instructional lessons and activities, there are a few suggestions that we are making for a successful learning experience.

- Locate a quiet learning space for your student while learning and working.
- Remind your student to keep the microphone muted when not sharing ideas, asking a question, or participating in a discussion.
- Video should be kept on during lessons unless a parent has specifically asked for video to be off. If you are making this request, please remember to send notice to your child’s homeroom teacher.

Encourage your student to engage in the learning experience by actively participating in the tasks and discussions.

The month of September will bring a review of some skills and an introduction to new standards in all subject areas. For reading, students will be working with fiction texts to build comprehension and written expression skills. Some skills that will be covered include visualizing ideas while reading new texts, annotating our thoughts and questions in the text as we read, evaluating a story to determine a theme, and writing to express ideas using text evidence as support. In social studies, students will begin to explore the migration of humans to North America and the development of new cultures across the continent. In science, students will explore concepts in earth and space science. For math, students will reflect on personal math strengths. They will also focus on inverse properties of multiplication and division. Understanding of these operations, together with place value are essential for solving real-world problems. We are looking forward to an exciting first month!

The Fifth Grade Team
Attendance Awareness Month

Good attendance means good grades, pass courses, stay on track for graduation, earn degrees, and succeed in jobs! Too many absences can prevent our scholars from succeeding in life. Let's continue being HERO’s (Here Every Day Ready To Learn). If you have an appointment please e-mail Ms. Miller lisa2.miller@pgcps.org or Ms. valdena.tinner@pgcps.org

Family Mindset Library List

- I Will Never Eat A Tomato by Lauren Child
- You Are Awesome: Find Your Confidence and Dare to Be
- Brilliant at (Almost) Anything by Mathew Syed
- Rosie Revere, Engineer by Andrea Beaty & David Roberts

Grow- Mind Challenge

Do you know that our brain’s grow when we learn new things? Now track how much your family is learning!

Here are some helpful tips:
- illustrate/design a learning garden
- illustrate or Draw your flowers
- track what your family has tried
- Record each members accomplishments