



Dear Parents,

Welcome to 2020-2021 Jackson Remote Academy school year. It is with great pleasure that I have been given the opportunity to work with you and your child/children this school year. My name is Nicole Avila and I am a 5th grade teacher at Elms Elementary School. Prior to moving to Elms I was a teacher at Crawford-Rodriguez Elementary School. As we move into this new school year together I look forward to sharing in the success of your child's final year in the elementary school setting.

As we enter the start of this school year, one unlike any other, the focus of our district is not only on the academic needs of our students, but also the social and emotional needs as well. In order to successfully meet the needs of my students, communication between school and home is imperative. Each student has received an invitation to join the remote Google Homeroom via their email. In order to attend school beginning Tuesday, September 8th, students must accept the invitation to login to our class Google Meet Homeroom which begins each day at 8:55. Students will use the class code provided in the email to login to our Google Homeroom. Guardian Invites will also be available once the student has accepted the Google Homeroom invitation. As our first week progresses students will receive class codes for all academic classes as well as special area classes. Additional information regarding our class can be found on my class page which can be accessed via the Remote School tab located on the Jackson School District page as well as the teacher pages found on the Elms Elementary School website.

School will begin Monday, September 8th for all Remote Academy students. Students will receive the Google Meet code Tuesday morning prior to the start of homeroom which begins at 8:55. At that time attendance will be taken. Attendance in the Remote Academy is vital to your child's success. Our daily schedule will be reviewed as well as the expectations for the school year on Tuesday. I ask that all students come to the homeroom with a fully charged Chromebook as well as a pencil and notebook. A list of suggested classroom supplies will be attached to this letter. Furthermore, material pickup for remote students will take place on Thursday, September 10 and Friday, September 11 from 10:00am to 1:00pm at your child's home school. The collection of materials will be similar to that of Chromebook pickup.

As the summer comes to a close and the new year begins, know that we are in this new endeavor together. If you should have any questions or concerns regarding your child's progress please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be emailed at navila@jacksonsd.org. I look forward to working with all of you this school year. Please save the date of September 15th at 6:30 for our virtual Back-to-School Night. The Jackson Remote Academy Parent-Student Handbook is also available for you on my class page as well as the district website for information regarding the program. Welcome aboard families and here's to a great start to the new school year!

Sincerely,
Nicole Avila
5th Grade Teacher
Jackson Remote Academy