



MONTVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents,

Many of your students have been practicing using online learning resources over the past week. On Monday we will formally launch distance learning experiences. In preparation for those experiences, we have made some changes to the way that students will access their remote classrooms.

Students will be using two basic platforms to access the classroom lessons and materials. Students in grades pK- 2 will access lessons through Seesaw; students in grades 3-5 will access their core area lessons through Google Classroom and their special area classes through Seesaw. Both platforms are initially entered through the Google website using a gmail address. This address for all students ends with ...montvilleschools.net.

You will receive a letter from your child's teacher which contains your student's gmail address and password as well as new class codes for all of their SeeSaw and Google Classroom classes and related service groups. **Even if your child has already set up classes and has been doing work in those classes, please set them up again using these new codes. It is very important that you set your child up with the new codes by Monday, March 30 as the codes will expire.** If you find that your code has expired, you would need to contact your classroom teacher to get a code reissued.

- For directions to set up your SeeSaw classes on an iPad through the SeeSaw app, please watch the [Seesaw for iPads video](#).
- For directions to set up your SeeSaw classes on a Chromebook or other computer, please watch the [Seesaw for Computers video](#).
- For directions to set up Google Classroom, please watch the [Google Classroom video](#).

Important Note for Students Using District-Issued iPads:

It has come to our attention that some of our iPads are too old to support Seesaw. If your child tries to complete a Seesaw lesson and gets a message: "Cannot Respond to Activity" because it is not supported on your device, we need to replace your iPad. For the short-term, we can issue your student

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a Chromebook. We have ordered iPads and as soon as they come in, we will be able to provide students with touch screen devices that can support Seesaw.

Please email esupport@montvilleschools.org if you need a Chromebook and we will make arrangements for you to pick one up. You are welcome to keep the iPad as well if your child is using other apps which are on the iPad. We will contact you to issue a new iPad as soon as we receive the iPads we ordered, but it may take several weeks before our order is filled. We apologize for this inconvenience; we are simply moving so quickly right now to adapt to our new learning environment that we didn't anticipate this issue.

For all parents, esupport@montvilleschools.org is available and monitored until 8:00 each evening to assist with any technology questions you have. Please know that our ability to respond to you quickly will be affected by the number of questions we receive, but we will do our best to provide timely feedback.

As always, we want to be responsive to your questions and concerns. Over the next week, your child's teachers, building administrators, and central office staff will strive to be available to you. Please know most of our secretaries are working from home, so email is probably the best way to reach us.

Take care,

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