

Good afternoon!

I wanted to touch base with everyone, even though many of us spoke earlier today. Tomorrow is our first day back! Below I have listed the schedule we will be following initially. If any tweaks or changes need to be made, we can certainly be flexible. My intention was to keep our schedule comparable to an actual day in the classroom and to try to limit the off-and-on Zoom time. Kids are welcome to stay logged on to Zoom all day, however, during the times I am doing math with other grades, I will ask them to mute and turn off cameras to limit any distractions. The items in **GREEN** are the times students are required to be on Zoom (camera on). Here's how we will be starting:

8:30-9:30- Morning meeting, review schedule, go over science, social studies, and grammar for the day. Review Poet/Musician of the week.

9:30-10- 7th grade math

10-10:30 4th grade math

10:30-11:30 Monday (open, possibly art)
T, W, TH Spanish
F- Scholastic

11:30-12 6th grade math

12-12:30 5th grade math

1-2:00 Read Language Arts, open time to ask questions or review lessons

2:00-3:00 Zoom review of daily lessons and assignments

Students are also required to be on Zoom for their math class. The time from 1-2 is designed to be a time to read the language arts assignment for the day (if kids online would like to) and for students to ask questions about assignments.

We are waiting for several books to come in- 6th Grade GoMath, our first

installment of Scholastic Scope, Art, and News, and the Grammar books, which I have just ordered. I anticipate we will receive all within a week. In addition to the above schedule, we will continue to have Friday guests pending their availability. I am in the process of working with Connie Adams from the Science Center on building terrariums via Zoom as a project. We are testing out her Zoom capabilities, and if it goes well, she will give me a materials list and I will get them out to students. I am hoping (pending the list) we might be able to do that project next Friday.

Science this year is Earth Science, social studies is Ancient History, and our language arts book is the Wednesday Wars. I will fully credit [Wikipedia.com](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wednesday_Wars) for the bio on the book....

"The Wednesday Wars is a 2007 young adult historical fiction novel written by Gary D. Schmidt, the author of Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy. The novel is set in suburban Long Island during the 1967–68 school year. The Vietnam War is an important backdrop for the novel. It shares characters with Schmidt's novels Okay for Now, Orbiting Jupiter, and Pay Attention, Carter Jones. It was given a Newbery Honor medal in 2008, and was also nominated for the Rebecca Caudill Young Reader's Book Award in 2010."

In the student materials, I included a sizeable packet for the book. We won't be going over everything in the packet, and I will specify via Google Classroom what will be assigned daily. I also included Spanish folders, and students will start Spanish tomorrow at 10:30.

I am sure I have forgotten to share something..... As always, if you have any questions and comments, please don't hesitate to contact me. I do want to reiterate, if students have questions or challenges with completing assignments, our schedule is flexible. It is probably easiest to reach me either on this email (stearnsfam@msn.com) or via phone or text (618-534-5631).

Thank you all for your support and I look forward to a fantastic year-

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