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Dear Jeffreys Grove Families,

As we kick off the 2020-21 school year on Monday, August 17, the excitement for a new year is high at Jeffreys Grove! This message contains a preview of information that will be shared by teachers on Friday, August 14. Teacher communication will include:

***Meet the Teacher.** Teachers will host student and parent orientations on Monday, August 17. Teachers will send links and times to connect on Google Meet.

***Schedule for the first week of school.** Teachers will share activities and live teacher-student meeting times to take place during the first week of school. Please know that the schedule for next week will not be their schedule for the year. The focus of next week's meetings with teachers is to provide students with an orientation and to build relationships virtually with their teacher(s) and peers.

***Material Distribution.** Teachers will review the schedule and process for picking up instructional materials for the first nine weeks of school.

***Teacher contact information.** Teachers will share ways to get and stay connected.

***Jeffreys Grove online learning matrix for SOARing in the virtual classroom.** Teachers will introduce how Eagles SOAR by demonstrating self-control, owning our actions, and accepting and respecting others. Teachers will use and reference this document as they set norms and expectations for a successful year.

Parents who do not receive information from their child's teacher covering these topics by the end of the day on Friday, August 14 should contact the school.

Grades K-1 and 2-3 combination classes: due to the constraints placed on our master schedule by class size legislation (House Bill 90) affecting non-Magnet courses, student rosters in K-3 are combination classes in Plan B and the Virtual Academy. These classes, referred to as "combo" classes, have been taught very successfully at Jeffreys Grove in the past. These teachers are prepared to plan vertically each week to ensure we are providing high quality, differentiated instruction. In order to ensure all of the content for a student's grade level is being taught, teachers will utilize a team-teaching approach. In simple terms, non-immersion students in these combo classes will join a "buddy" teacher for literacy and math instruction each day for the whole group instruction with other students on their grade level. However, they will return to their assigned classroom teacher to work through their practice in small groups. This schedule will ensure students are accessing grade level instruction and appropriate supports while we maintain compliance with current state mandates. One of the benefits of this team-teaching

approach is that your student will have the opportunity to work and build a positive relationship with TWO teachers. These teachers will work in tandem to ensure all students are being taught and assessed on all standards on their grade level.

Please know that as we get ready to launch a new academic year, a great deal of time, energy, effort, thought - and care - has been devoted by our district and staff to give your child the best learning situation possible.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher first.

We look forward to a successful, safe, and healthy new school year!

Respectfully,

Juli Ventura
Principal