January 2, 2021

Dear MMS Parents/Guardians,

Throughout our response to the COVID pandemic, Mason Middle School's students, parents, teachers, and support staff have responded to the challenges of remote learning. As we prepare to return to remote learning in a few days, I felt that it was important for me to send a note of encouragement to all of our families. We want 2021 to be a year filled with success stories and a return to normal for our students, families, and teachers!

Please challenge your child to focus on the following important characteristics of successful remote learners.

- Treat each remote learning day as if you are getting ready for a normal school day. Set an alarm, have breakfast, take care of personal needs, and establish a learning space in your home where you can focus on learning for the day.
- Eliminate all distractions.
- Print a copy of your remote learning schedule and have it available in your learning space, so you can arrive to the Zoom call on time and ready to learn!
- Students that keep their video on during Zoom calls are more successful in remote learning. Whenever possible, please try to keep your video turned on.
- Stay on the Zoom call until the end of class. Don't check in and leave the call until you are dismissed by the teacher.
- Take breaks from the Zoom call or computer when allowed by the teacher.
- When provided opportunities to complete assignments during remote class, please take advantage of this time. Don't procrastinate!
- Ask questions and participate in your own learning. Please take an active role in your learning by asking questions, providing your thinking in breakout rooms, and being a student leader in the remote classroom.

Thank you for your continued partnership, and I look forward to a successful start to the new year!

Sincerely,

Ted Berryhill
Principal

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