

Dear CC8 Students and Families:

I keep coming back to the same starting message. I hope your family is healthy. This time has presented many challenges for all families to overcome. I hope that through all of this that your families become closer to one another.

We have been working with the district to determine our next steps. The district in consultation with the teachers has identified essential topics to learn before the end of the year. Some of these topics we have covered but need to be readdressed as students still don't retain the knowledge enough to use it in new problems. So we have changed what content we usually try to cover during 3rd Trimester. We have been told to focus on the following topics:

Linear relationships

Systems of equations

Exponential relationships (Laws of exponents)

If we finish these topics we will then look at Volume of Cylinders, spheres, and cones.

Our current plan is for each week we will identify two main tasks to complete the first for Mon/Tue and the second for Wed/Thu with a reflection and/or check in on Friday. The tasks will be activities in Seesaw, Desmos, or Khan Academy with the reflection on Friday being in Seesaw. Each task should take about an hour to do. Families can choose how to schedule the time over the two days. We want to engage the students in meaningful learning without overwhelming either the parents or the students.

Grades for 3rd Trimester will be pass/fail based on student engagement in all of the activities and reflections assigned. Our main focus is to provide feedback to students to help prepare them for high school algebra next year. With this in mind there may be some times when we provide feedback and ask the students to keep working on a task in order to demonstrate understanding of the concepts.

We will have office hours each week to support students. Office hours will be times during the day when we will be prepared to answer emails that have come in. We will do our best to respond to all emails during our office hours but depending on the volume it may take longer. Please know that we will do our best to get helpful feedback to you. Our office hours will be posted on our class website each week.

As a school we will be having ongoing discussions amongst the staff on best practices we discover with this distant learning model. This is new for all of us and we will adjust our plan as we learn from each other. We are doing our best to try to support all of our students. We all wish we could be in school with our students as we miss the daily interactions and the ability to deliver lessons face to face.

Sincerely,

Brian Arnot & Heidi Hong