

# Peotone Community Unit District 207-U

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Hello PES Families!

First off, I want to thank all of the PES families for their support and engagement as we transitioned to Remote Learning Days. The governor has issued the Stay at Home Order and school closures until April 30 at this time. We initially created the choice boards for a temporary plan during the closure until we received more direction from the state, and we have now developed a plan for Remote Instructional Days that will begin on April 6. Our goal was to create a plan that had clear expectations, easy access to all grade level assignments in one place, and the opportunity for more instruction and engagement between teachers and students. Teachers will be available daily from 9:00am-2:00pm. You can contact classroom teachers by email or other communication tools already set up (Bloomz, Seesaw, Class Dojo, etc) Because we do not have gmail accounts for all students and cannot set up google classroom, the plan below is what it will look like at Peotone Elementary School. Please take the time to read the information below to understand the expectations of the new Remote Learning Plan.

### Classroom Community

- Our priority during Remote Learning is to make sure students know we are here for them and create opportunities to engage with their peers and teachers.
- At least once a week, your classroom teacher will be setting up a Zoom or Google Meet-/Hangout to have a classroom community meeting. I know teachers have already started them, and the meetings have been going great!! All teachers are so excited to meet virtually with their students next week.

### Daily/Weekly Curriculum Expectations

- Each grade level will have a daily English Language Arts (ELA- Reading, Word Work, Writing) and Math lesson and assignment.
- There will be a weekly Specials Choice Board where students will choose one activity from each class- Art, Music, and PE.
- There will be a weekly Second Step Social Emotional lesson and activity.
- Per the Illinois State Board of Education, below is the amount of time students should be engaging in Remote Learning daily. If students are taking longer than the recommended time, please contact your classroom teacher.
  - Kindergarten- 30-90 minutes/day
  - First and Second Grade- 45-90 minutes/day
  - Third Grade- 60-120 minutes/day

### Weekly Assignment Guide

- I will email the Weekly Assignment Guide to all families on Sunday night via School Messenger email. You can also access it on [pes.peotoneschools.org](http://pes.peotoneschools.org) webpage, and it will be shared on the Peotone Elementary School Facebook Page.
- This will have everything for all grade levels that students and parents need to access for the entire week. I hope this helps if you have multiple students that attend PES, so you only have to go to one place to get assignments for the week.

### LEARN-WATCH-DO

- On the weekly planning guide, the format of each lesson will be LEARN (Learning Target for the lesson), WATCH (students will have a link to watch a video), and DO (students will have an assignment after the lesson video).
- The teachers are creating lesson videos and uploading to YouTube. Each teacher from a grade level and our reading and math specialists will be recording lesson videos. This is an unlisted channel, and only people with links to videos will be able to access.

#### PES Remote Learning Guide Week of April 13

	Monday, April 13	Tuesday, April 14	Wednesday, April 15	Thursday, April 16	Friday, April 17
<b>Kindergarten</b>					
Kindergarten ELA	Learn Watch Do	Learn Watch Do	Learn Watch Do	Learn Watch Do	Learn Watch Do
Kindergarten Math	Easter Monday- No Remote Learning Instruction and Assignments				
Kindergarten Second Step	Learn Watch Do				
Kindergarten Specials INGO board	K/1 Specials Board- Week of April 13				
<b>First Grade</b>					
First Grade ELA	Learn Watch Do	Learn Watch Do	Learn Watch Do	Learn Watch Do	Learn Watch Do
First Grade Math	Easter Monday- No Remote Learning Instruction and Assignments				
First Grade Second Step	Learn Watch Do				
First Grade Specials INGO board	K/1 Specials Board- Week of April 13				

#### Samples from the Weekly Guide Click [here](#) to expand

First Grade Math	Learn: Numbers Greater Than  Watch: <a href="#">Link</a> to watch Mrs. Sexton teach lesson  Do: Chapter 7 Workbook pages 400-401 (Problems 1-5 only)	Learn Numbers Greater Than  Watch: <a href="#">Link</a> to watch Mrs. Norvilas teach lesson  Do: Chapter 7 Workbook pages 401 (Problems 6-7) and 402	Learn: Numbers Less Than  Watch: <a href="#">Link</a> to watch Miss Deutsche teach lesson  Do: Chapter 7 Workbook pages 406-407
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- We decided to utilize YouTube because we know most people would be able to access YouTube even if they do not have computers. The assignments that need to be completed may be a workbook page that the students already have at home, but any worksheets or workbook pages will also be linked electronically. YOU DO NOT NEED TO PRINT THEM OUT! Students can write their answers on a sheet of paper as evidence of completion. If you have the printing capabilities, you can print out a worksheet if the assignment is not from the workbook but that is up to you. Not all assignments will be worksheet based and students may be doing an activity around the house (ex. Find 5 three-dimensional shapes and name them)
- If you do not have access to the internet or are struggling with accessing links, please contact your classroom teacher directly to figure out an alternative option.

### Turning In Assignments

- All ELA and Math assignments should be sent to the teacher. You can do this several ways depending on the best form of communication you have already set with the classroom teacher- sending an email, taking pictures of it and sending it to them via Seesaw, Bloomz, or Class Dojo, or private message them. Teachers will contact you with best options.
- All assignments for the week are due by the end of the week on Friday at 5:00pm. We know everyone's home situation looks different. You may not be able to complete work during the teacher hours and that is okay. Do what is best for your household. If you are struggling with something, reach out to us, and we will figure it out together!
- You do not need to submit the special's Choice Board and Second Step Lesson activity.

### Grading

- We utilize standard based grading at PES. Because of this, it makes it difficult for us to grade assignments for progress towards mastery of a standard.
- Students will receive a complete/incomplete for each assignment for Math and ELA.

### Motivation for Turning In Assignments

- We want to motivate students to engage in Remote Learning, so we are going to have the classroom work together and have a school wide competition. Each classroom will compete against each other in Class Dojo. (students will not have individual accounts)
  - Teachers will report at the end of the week how many completed assignments were done for the week. A Dojo Point will be given for each completed assignment in the classroom.
  - Students can also earn points by responding via email or by commenting on Facebook to the Mr. Bacon location of the day, guessing who the Mystery Poet is, or engaging in other fun activities we have planned.
  - I will keep everyone updated on the scoreboard throughout the week.
  - Each week, there will be one winning class in the school. The students from the winning classroom will get a special individual shoutout on Facebook LIVE morning announcements, a certificate and brag tag mailed to their house and a special Zoom Dance party with me!

### Parent POPtickets

- Parents- we want to give you the power of the POPticket! [Here is a link to Parent POPtickets](#) if you want to print it out. Otherwise, you can have a POPticket tally. Reward your students for ANY behavior you want, to motivate them through the Remote Learning process. You can "make it rain" with POPtickets if you need a motivator for your child. It is okay if they get POPstar status each week if it is motivating them.
  - Once your child receives 20 POPtickets, take a picture of them and send it to Mrs. Tara Popovich at [tpopovich@peotoneschools.org](mailto:tpopovich@peotoneschools.org)
  - We will edit the picture with some POPstar flare and post pictures every Thursday on Facebook and include the pictures on the daily activity email. Students names will also be announced on the LIVE morning announcements!
  - This is completely optional, but we wanted to keep the POPstar fun alive!

I understand this is a new learning process, but I know we will get through this together. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions, comments, or concerns. We have a lot of fun activities planned to engage the students while we are out of the building- please know these are optional and just for fun. The only required expectation is the Weekly Assignment Guide. I look forward to going on this new learning journey with each and every one of you. The best way to reach me is by email, [czurales@peotoneschools.org](mailto:czurales@peotoneschools.org). You can also call the main office at 708-258-6955, and I will be able to access all voicemails.

Thank you,

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