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Hello At Home!

A "heart to heart huddle" as we begin our new hybrid learning adventure!

Tuesday, September 1st is the first day of school. "Hybrid Learning" is a whole new way of teaching and learning! It will be the first day any of our teachers at OFRS has ever taught a full hybrid teaching model. It is the first time your children have experienced "Hybrid Learning" too. You can count on us to persevere, work hard, be creative, improve, and maintain a positive 'can-do attitude' and to do our collective best. I know we can count on you to work with us as partners in their education. We love your kids and we are committed to 'doing right by them' through it all!



Will there be growing pains at home and in school? **Yes, of course!** In spite of all of our hours and days of preparation and professional development behind us, what we roll out Tuesday will evolve as we learn by doing. *Please be patient with teachers and the school as we refine our craft the first weeks of hybrid learning.*

OFRS teachers and support staff may seem like super hero humans at times, but in reality they are just one person with many responsibilities to many people. I'm confident they will be trying their best to meet the needs of all their students and all the parents while maintaining their own family's needs and personal responsibilities. They carry a lot on their shoulders! We need your support and understanding now more than ever. Many teachers will be "burning the midnight oil" in the days, weeks, and months ahead (I'm not exaggerating) for their students. I would ask you take that into consideration and ask that you to frame your feedback in a positive and constructive manner. Make no mistake, please communicate your concerns as we absolutely want to hear your feedback, we want to improve our methods. If you are frustrated, let us know and we'll work it out. We only ask that you share concerns in a manner that is respectful, thoughtful,



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and with a measure of kindness and understanding. I thank you in advance for that. You should also know all of your constructive, uplifting, encouraging, comments and communications to our teachers and staff members mean more to them than you will probably ever realize. One of the things that make this a special school community is how we support one another.

We also want to take this opportunity to recognize that the hybrid learning model is a brand new way of learning for the kids and how you, as families, support their education from home.



We know many of you are dealing with childcare issues and balancing work demands with supporting your children at home during the virtual learning days. We know this can be a challenge on you and your extended family. Your enhanced measure of involvement in their learning is recognized and appreciated. Every child is different, every family is different. We as a school respect that and are sensitive to all you are going through and to what you are adapting to within your home.

On behalf of all of us at OFRS, thank you for reading through this "heart to heart huddle" and all of the other communications that you have received. I recognize there is a lot of information coming from the district and the school and yes, it can feel like overload at times!

Sincerely,

Joseph Ciulla

Principal

"Caring is Cool at OFRS"

