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"Learning for All"

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Springfield School District is prepared for the possibility to conduct student learning via alternative instructional methods which is becoming referred to as a "digital learning day" or flexible learning day/E-day on snow days. The district practice of utilizing 3 "digital learning days" as a means of counting that day as a student day has been amended in February of 2019 to allow up to 5 of these days.

A "digital learning day" would mean that students would receive learning activities and assignments provided by their teachers that students are to complete outside the regular school setting. Activities may involve online and/or offline resources.

The learning activities and assignments may include enrichment activities, extensions to the current lesson, or continuation of acquiring concepts and skills. Learning activities and assignments will also be posted through a "Digital Learning Day" link on each teacher's website page. Teachers will at least be available to answer questions by email during office hours of 7:40 a.m. until 3:40 p.m. All elementary students will receive a paper copy in an at-home folder in addition to having the content viewable online. 7th -12th grade students will expect to receive their activities and assignments deployed through their school issued iPads that they already take home daily.

Conceptually, there are days where this type of learning already occurs. On days when teachers cannot be at school, they draft plans for student learning in their absence. When our children are sick, plans and activities come to them in either a take home folder or 7th -12th graders can expect assignments to be communicated through Schoology. Similarly, when weather can create a separation between the student and teacher, our goal is to still facilitate learning objectives and the continuity of learning by utilizing a digital learning day.

With any new concept, it is anticipated that there will be some bumps, concerns, and opportunities for growth. Our goal is to continuously analyze the this learning concept and make changes to make them more effective. Like anything, you get better the more you practice.

Please don't hesitate to contact an administrator, if you have questions or concerns. The school looks forward to ideas for improvement and concerns that can be addressed to help make learning rewarding for students and staff alike.

Thank you,

Keith Kottke
Superintendent
Springfield School District

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