



FORRESTON GRADE SCHOOL GERMAN VALLEY GRADE SCHOOL

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Dear FVElementary Families,

While we are planning to remain open beyond the Thanksgiving holiday, we also want to continue to be proactive in the event we must consider alternative plans. As we communicated earlier, the district plans for remote learning are largely dependent on technology.

Next Tuesday, November 24th, we plan to deploy iPads to all elementary students K-5. These iPads are district issued devices and will be used by students to access instruction if remote learning becomes necessary. The Parent/Student Handbook outlines the use of technology in more detail and can be accessed on the our district website <https://www.fvdistrict221.org>. Parent/student who accepts an iPad agree to adhere to Forreton Valley's rules and regulations governing the use of the device and will provide reasonable care and maintenance.

The iPad will come home with your student next week with preinstalled classroom apps; no passwords are needed for access to the iPad. No additional apps may be installed. The iPad will also include the charger system to include a cord and USB power adapter as well as instructions for home Wi-Fi connectivity. Please be sure to keep the iPad charged and ready for use.

Parents assume responsibility for the device and may be held responsible for any repairs. Your student should return to school on Monday, November 30th with the fully charged iPad, charging cord, and USB power adapter for use within the classroom. These devices will go home with the students again before Christmas break or upon any announcement of an adaptive pause. If you do NOT wish to assume responsibility for the district iPad, you may opt out of distribution by contacting your school office no later than 10:00 am on Tuesday.

Families with plans to gather over the holidays are encouraged to elect remote learning for any number of days November 30-January 15. This option for remote learning provides the ability to quarantine and control the spread of COVID-19 and keep all students and staff as safe as possible. The iPad will be available during this time period and you are encouraged to contact your school office for arrangements.

Forreton Valley School District is excited to offer this technology for our elementary students. While we continue to plan for our schools to remain open, you are encouraged to become familiar with this device and the apps installed. Please contact your school with any questions.

Be safe,

Mr. Schneiderman