

May 22, 2020

Dear Parents, Teachers, and Students,

SUBJECT: Distance Learning - Week 8

Google Classroom Assignments and End-of-Year Grades:

Most students are working conscientiously at their Google Classroom assignments. But, some are not. For those who are behind in the completion of these assignments, notices are being sent home through EdAdmin. An indication of missing assignments comes up on Google Classroom under the "marks" category. If you are unsure what is outstanding, please respond to the EdAdmin notice, and the school will let you know.

As the school year comes to a close, end-of-semester grades will be assigned to students and reports issued. Assignment results will contribute significantly to the grades. A notice of missing assignments is important to attend to.

Summer School:

Plans are being developed for summer school programs in Enko schools in the Northern Hemisphere. The two schools in Cameroon will offer their programs in August. Classes in English, Mathematics, and Science will be available to returning students and to students new to the school. This will be a good opportunity for students to prepare for the start of the 2020-2021 academic year and, perhaps, catch up on content from this period of distance learning. More information about summer school at Enko Bonanjo will be published when details are available.

Pandemic Journals:

The CAS Coordinator at Enko Bonanjo has asked D1 students to record their thoughts and feelings in a journal as they go through this extraordinary period of the COVID-19 pandemic and distance learning. The results will be historical accounts, memoirs of a time perhaps not to be experienced again, but a time that will be worth recounting. The journals can include drawings, artwork, and other representations of students' feelings and observations.

Pandemic journal writing is used at other international schools. In a recent SmartBrief newsletter, the history teacher at the Overseas School of Columbo in Sri Lanka describes extending the writing project by having her students share their journals with students in other international schools. The teacher comments, "Reading that another kid on the other side of the world is facing the exact same situation and feelings about the situation that you are can be a powerfully uniting experience" (Accomplished Teacher, May 21, 2020).

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