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Dear Parents and Guardians:

I hope this message finds you and your family well and that you are managing the challenging times we are currently experiencing without too much difficulty.

Beginning Monday, May 4th, your teachers will provide three hours per day of planned instruction via Google Classroom. Students in grades K-5 will use their district-issued Chromebooks or other technology devices to participate. Planned Instruction will cover major core content and elective subjects as well as special education and ESOL-related services. Lessons are intended to reinforce prior learning, provide enrichment activities, and introduce new educational opportunities for all students.

Much thought and effort has been dedicated to how we will support our students and families during this extraordinary time. We recognize that there will be many challenges; our entire school staff is working hard daily to address issues as they arise and to build capacity in terms of technology, guidelines and expectations, and resources. We have established many online supports for teachers, students, parents, and families. Please visit our website at carnell.philasd.org to review and access these online supports and to receive updates and information regularly.

All of our teachers have created Google Classroom sites that students can access by signing in at philasd.org with their ID and password — the same way they log into Lexia and i-Ready. Google Classroom is the primary platform on which teachers will post assignments, conduct lessons, and communicate with students. Each teacher has posted a schedule to our website that offers three daily office hours for students to engage in planned instruction each week day. This instruction will include standards-aligned content, support, and grade-level learning tasks. Our guidance counselors and staff members will also check in with students and offer support when needed.

Please take a moment to review your child's teacher's schedule. Your support and involvement will be an invaluable contribution to our remote teaching practices and the dedicated effort required to support your children in accessing lessons and assignments online. For instance, you can assist by doing the following:

- Help your child build routines and manage their time in order to participate in learning from home;
- Set up a designated learning space for your child;
- Talk to your child's teacher about the content, tasks, and Google platform;
- Stay in communication, at least weekly, with your child's teacher and ask for weekly progress updates; and
- Remind your child that good behavior online is important and that you expect them to participate each day, request support from their teacher, and complete assigned learning tasks.

Please know that we are here working to support you and your child(ren). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Don't stop believing in our ability to make the shift to remote/online learning together.

Sincerely,
Hilderbrand Pelzer III, Principal