

Welcome to Ms. Iacona's 3-6 Virtual Class!

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our class! My name is Ms. Iacona and I am very excited to be your child's teacher. I hope you are enjoying your summer and looking forward to the 2020 – 2021 school year. I am excited to be returning to school. I have been working in the district for close to 8 years. I have my Master's in Special Education from St. Joseph's College. I've spent the majority of my time teaching 15:1 Kindergarten to Second grade students. I've taught in both Clinton and Terryville so I know many of your children! I am so happy to have this opportunity to work with many of them again and I am excited to see how much they've grown and to meet my new students.

This year will be a little different than what we are used to, however I can assure you that we will be working towards your child's individual goals and needs. Let me tell you a little about what you can expect for our virtual school year. Your child will learn through live videos on Google Meet, pre-recorded videos, and assignments posted on our Google Classroom.

On a typical day your child will be assigned a specific time that they must log on to our Google Meet. During this time students will be live video chatting with myself and a small group of their peers. In this Google Meet we will work on guided reading groups focusing mainly on fluency and comprehension. Attached you will find the time frame in which I will be scheduling your child's grade level. However, all students must be assessed first before they are placed with their appropriate leveled guided reading groups. In the meantime, we will be meeting as a whole group for the first couple weeks of school. Throughout the year the group times may vary as students progress and change reading levels, but the block of time for the grade level/subject will remain the same.

This year we will develop your child's Foundations/Wilson skills through various activities in order to gain your child's letter/sound recognition to improve reading skills. You can expect daily journal writing and independent reading assignments. In math, the children will be learning a variety of topics such as place value, multiplication and division, fractions, decimals and much more! We will work on using tools such as multiplication charts. Social Studies and fun Science lessons will be incorporated throughout the year.

It is very important that you have an area designated for your child to work and focus. I ask that you please be mindful when choosing this area, keeping in mind background visuals and noise. Chromebooks should be charged and ready before our scheduled meet this way we can best use the time allotted to learn. When your child is not on the Google Meet platform with me they will be working on assignments that will be posted in our Google Classroom.

I hope you continue to enjoy the rest of the summer. I can't wait to meet you and your child and begin our learning adventure together!

* Once you receive this letter please email me at Niacona@comsewogue.k12.ny.us with your full name and your child's name so that I can send you a questionnaire in preparation for the school year. *

Sincerely,
Ms. Iacona

Ms. Iacona's Class
September 2020

- ❖ 2 Packs of sharpened pencils
- ❖ 1 (8 count) Set of Crayola Washable Markers
- ❖ 1 (8 count) Set of Large Crayola crayons
- ❖ 1 Pair of safety scissors (no sharp points)
- ❖ 1 Hard supply box
- ❖ 1 Pack of multicolor highlighters
- ❖ 2 Packages of LARGE glue sticks
- ❖ 2 Plastic folders labeled "Finished Work" & "Unfinished Work."
- ❖ 1 Pack of black dry erase markers and eraser
- ❖ 1 dry erase board- can be bought at DollarTree
- ❖ 1 Composition Notebook

****If your child has these supplies for their other class they do not need duplicates for my class. The only things that are not to be shared with the other class are 2 plastic folders and 1 composition notebook for journal. All other supplies can be shared between classes****

Suggestions:

If you feel your child may require sensory input I suggest the following to keep in their hand during a lesson.

1 fidget toy- not distracting- no lights and no fidget spinners
1 playdough for after writing sessions to allow them a sensory break for their hands.

Tentative Times:

1:05 PM - 1:47 PM

I am working closely with your child's general education. The time is tentative and may change due to their daily schedule.