

# Northwestern Local School District

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Dear Parents/Guardians of K-4 students,

We have made many adjustments to our instruction during the school closure. One of the difficult tasks has been to assess where students are individually and/or independently. The younger the students, the more difficult it is to give accurate assessments of learning. Therefore the following decisions have been made for the 3rd and 4th quarter reporting periods. This will apply to all students in **Early 5s through 4th grade**.

## Third Quarter Grades

Third quarter grades that were reported previous to the school closing will stand in PowerSchool. Any work completed and returned during the March closure will be counted as extra credit. Parents of students in grades 2-4 will be able to see grades for the 3rd quarter in the PowerSchool Parent Portal. However, these grades should be viewed with caution as they may not reflect a complete picture. Students in Early 5s through 1st grade do not have parent portals available since only end of quarter assessments are recorded. Because of the closure, these assessments could not be completed and not all grades were recorded.

## Fourth Quarter Grades .

Teachers are tracking student participation and assignments throughout the rest of the closure. Determination will be made if work is sufficient to meet the teacher's criteria of satisfactory work. Teachers have given parents and students information about which assignments are required and which assignments are optional. Assignments and virtual sessions are designed to keep students engaged in learning so students can start the next school year and be successful. Contact will be made with students and/or parents of students who fail to complete required assignments at an acceptable level. We are still working on a plan to report the fourth quarter. You will not be seeing grades posted in PowerSchool but teachers will be tracking students on their progress.

Please be patient with us as we work through this area of reporting. We want to be consistent and fair yet realistic about what students can accomplish. We are also working on a plan for the fall to give all learners a boost. We realize that students will not be ready for our normal curriculum and may need extra help for success.

Feel free to email me with any questions and concerns. [dwright@tinora.org](mailto:dwright@tinora.org)

Sincerely,

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