

# Emerson Chalk Talk

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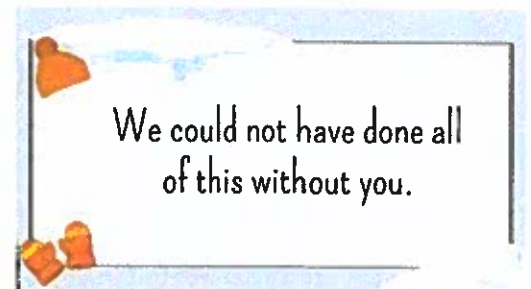
## **MESSAGE FROM EMERSON'S PRINCIPAL, MRS. LEDDY**

Such an incredibly tough time is a true test of character and our Emerson character continues to shine through. Being remote has challenged us all and pushed us far beyond our comfort zones and into a daily life we never imagined. This year has brought new hardships and heartaches to our Emerson family. We appreciate all that our families have done to continue to support our students. All we can do is make one positive contribution at a time. Those contributions total up and that is how we mitigate the impact of COVID-19. Keep connecting, caring, collaborating, supporting, giving, and loving .... the Emerson way!



I am proud of the new skills our students have learned. Kids are helping parents connect to video calls for school meetings. They are sharing their screens to help others and collaborating through Google Slides.

They post their thoughts on electronic sticky notes and share their work on SeeSaw. Students have gained computer competencies that will serve them well into the future. I am proud of how we are making the best out of the situations we face in this pandemic.



We could not have done all of this without you. So, thank you again from the bottom of our hearts. **From our Emerson family to yours, we wish you a safe and healthy winter break! [Happy Winter Break. Emerson! 20-21 \(VIDEO Slide LINK\)](#)** Enjoy this well earned break with your family. Later, in this newsletter, we have included the holiday calendar, with all of the links to the recorded stories and art, in case you would like to enjoy them during break

*-Mrs. Leddy*

*P.S. Please read on to help you plan for semester 2 and check your email for an announcement from Dr. Barnes, our Superintendent, near the end of the month, to hear the District return plans based on the latest data..*

**Important Dates:** December 21-January 1 Winter Break

### **For those that chose a Remote 2.0 Learning for the Semester**

Your new teachers have reached out and the new Remote 2.0 schedule has been shared through emails. We understand what a difficult choice this must have been for you. You will continue to receive Emerson Chalk Talks to keep connected to us. We look forward to the time we are all able to be back together! As always, if you have any questions or needs, you can connect with Mrs. Jenean Carlson, our Emerson secretary and she will help you find the support you need. 216-529-4254

### **For those that Plan to Return to the School Building this Semester**

\*For families who registered to be in person, please watch your email over break for communication regarding return status updates." Keep reading, please.

# **EMERSON'S PARTIAL RETURN PLANS**



### **Our Emerson Procedure Video on YouTube**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GmOPvKCGWAI>

- **Please watch this video all the way through.** It has tweaks and updates. Your favorite staff members will explain 6 foot distancing, sanitation stations and building procedures. This is a great tool to help transition your child back to school. It will help them see how Emerson is the same but different.

### **Want to read about our Emerson procedures?**

- [\*\*\\*Emerson Copy of Elementary Return Information & Procedures 20-21 LINK\*\*](#)
- Some procedures listed below & more found in the link.

### **District Partial Return Calendar LINK HERE**

- Students that will return to Emerson for semester two will follow your Purple A-K day or Gold L-Z Assignment.
- If you have a question about your assignment, email me at [denice.leddy@lakewoodcityschools.org](mailto:denice.leddy@lakewoodcityschools.org)

Month	Day	Assignment
August	1-31	Summer Break
September	1-30	Summer Break
October	1-31	Summer Break
November	1-30	Summer Break
December	1-31	Summer Break
January	1-31	Summer Break
February	1-28	Summer Break
March	1-31	Summer Break
April	1-30	Summer Break
May	1-31	Summer Break
June	1-30	Summer Break
July	1-31	Summer Break



### **New Students to Connect with Emerson Staff**

Miss Reising and Mrs. Intihar will be looking for you on our first day of school to welcome you, give you a personal building tour and answer any questions you may have.

**SUPPLY LISTS** are posted on the district website or here [SUPPLY LIST LINK](#)

**Please label everything well this year.** A couple additional items include:

- Your child's device needs to come to school charged each day. Bring the charging cord too (labeled with tape and your child's name).
- A labeled Towel (bath or beach size) for outdoor learning & P.E. class
- A labeled ziploc baggie with **2** extra labeled masks
- A refillable water bottle, labeled
- A gallon sized ziploc bag (labeled) with toy/activities for individual play during indoor recess \*Suggestions: coloring book, figurine, sticker book, small toy, etc. \*Do not bring: electronics, slime or playdough
- Sanitizer/wipes for your child to use (optional)



**NEED OUR HELP? If you need help with supplies this year, due to struggles with the pandemic, reach out to Miss Reising for help. [molly.reising@lakewoodcityschools.org](mailto:molly.reising@lakewoodcityschools.org)**

Attendance ([216-529-4309](tel:216-529-4309) call for every absence please)

- Attendance will be taken and reported on in-person school days.
- Students will have independent work to complete when not in-person which will be provided by the teachers (See chart further below)

Arrival

- **Arrive 8:45-8:55.** Instruction begins at 9:00.
- No indoor waiting. No arrival before 8:45 please as there is no school supervision.
- Students will report to breakfast or their classroom upon 8:45 bell.
- Maximize different doors for entry
  - Walkers can enter at the Jackson glass doors
  - **If eating breakfast, the Jackson glass doors provides the fastest route to the cafe'**
  - Car riders exit cars at 8:45 bell & enter the main entrance, off the parking lot.
  - Clifton playground circle reserved for contracted vans, Preschool and special needs. Permit required.



Dismissal

- Stagger dismissal from classrooms to avoid large gatherings and heavy hallway traffic.
  - 2:55 Kindergarten dismissed to parents at Jackson glass doors
  - 3:00 Walkers dismissed
  - 3:05 Car Rider line begins
- Maximize different walking doors for exit. See your teachers at these doors.
  - 2:55 Kindergarten at Jackson glass doors
  - 3:00 1st grade at Jackson glass doors
  - 3:00 2nd-3rd grade at Clifton doors
  - 3:00 4th-5th grade at second set of Jackson doors
  - Older siblings should meet up at the door of younger siblings
- Avoid large gatherings for waiting. Maintain social distancing
- Masks remain on until the student has left campus or is in a car.

Grade	Partial Return Overview of Emerson's At Home Independent Work Days
K	15 minutes-Happy Numbers 20 minutes-Eureka math (video and workbook) 20 minutes Raz-Kids 15 minutes Lalilo 15 minutes Independent writing time *Other curricular avenues to explore: Choice Reading, Choice Writing or more time with the above. * See SeeSaw for guidance.
1	20 minutes Raz-Kids 10 minutes Brief videos of Reading/Phonics Workshop videos to prepare for the next day's lesson 45 minutes Zearn video lesson and corresponding Eureka workbook pages 15 minutes Skills practice *Other curricular avenues to explore: Choice Reading, Choice Writing or more time with the above. * See SeeSaw for guidance.
2	20 minutes of i-Ready Reading 10-15 minutes of Eureka Math Homework (from the previous days' lesson) 15-20 minutes of Zearn (from the previous days' lesson) 20-30 minutes of RW & WW (continuation from previous days' lesson) 20 minutes of Independent Reading (write in Reading Logs) *Other curricular avenues to explore: Raz-Kids, Happy Numbers, Choice Reading, Choice Writing TFKs, Virtual Field Trips, or more time with the above. * See Google classroom/SeeSaw for guidance.
3	30-45 minutes Zearn - 2 lessons per day 15-30 minutes Eureka Math Page 60 minutes RAZ Kids & Independent Reading Log 15 minutes BrainPopJr - Science/Social Studies 15 Independent Writing *Other curricular avenues to explore: Choice Reading, Choice Writing or more time with the above. * See Google classroom for guidance.
4	30 minutes per day i-Ready Math 20-30 minutes of Eureka Math HW book work, assigned the day before 20-30 minutes Science / Social Studies Textbook work 30 minutes per day i-Ready Reading 30 minutes <i>Independent Reading/ Reading Response</i> notebook 30 Digital Writing-- Google Slides or Typing Club (Clever) *See Google classroom for guidance. *Other curricular avenues to explore: RAZ-Kids, Science A-Z, EPIC, Monthly Book projects, Typing Club, Choice Reading, Choice Writing, Math Fact fluency and Ms. Staib's virtual classroom.
5	30 minutes per day i-Ready Math 20-30 minutes of Eureka Math HW book work, assigned the day before 20-30 minutes Science / SS Textbook work: i.e. Think Central Digital Science work & Gizmos 30 minutes per day i-Ready Reading 20-30 minutes Reading and Writing Workshop 30 minutes independent reading *See planners and Google classroom for guidance. *Other curricular avenues to explore: Gizmos, Think Central, RAZ-Kids, Choice Reading, Choice Writing, Math Fact fluency or more time with the above.



### **HERE TO SUPPORT YOU!**

Hello families! We enjoyed working with many of you at the start of our year and are looking forward to a

new year together. Please know that we are here to help with anything you or your child may need as we navigate school this year. This year is unlike any other and we want to be a support system for you. We miss you all so much!



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## **EMERSON'S HOLIDAY STORY SERIES**

All of the stories from our Emerson Holiday Story series can be found in one place! We had such a wonderful time with all of the families who joined us for our live stories and painting parties this month. Thank you so much to our Emerson PTO for all of the amazing ideas; we truly loved connecting with you all in this special way!

**[Holiday Story Series 2020](#)**



**[EMERSON'S HOLIDAY STORIES](#)**  
**[CALENDAR LINK](#)**

## **MESSAGES FROM EMERSON PTO**

What a December! Thank you families for participating in our recorded stories, live bedtime readings, and 2 create-a-long parties! We hope you enjoyed it all and cannot thank our staff enough for their participation! We especially want to thank Miss Vidnovic for her help with organization and keeping the calendar links up-to-date. Just because school is over doesn't mean the fun has to end. You can go back and watch again, including the live events! (See the links above)

While we haven't been in school, we have still been working hard to support our staff. We made a big purchase recently which will be a wonderful addition to Emerson's positive behavior system (PBIS) and Rock Star Rangers... **A Book Vending Machine!** This cool machine will house books that students will be able to purchase, using a token given to them by a staff member! Look for pictures and more info coming soon when the machine is delivered and installed near the office.

As we focus on returning back to school in the new year, we still don't know what things will look like for PTO events. We are working with Mrs. Intihar and Mrs. Leddy to fund **a virtual assembly or field trip**, purchase books for the vending machine, help with teacher supply wish lists, and celebrate Staff Appreciation week. We did not do a traditional membership this year for collecting dues. If you would like to support our PTO and Emerson Staff members, you are welcome to make a donation via PayPal, or send in a check when we return to school. Our PayPal is [emersonelementarypto44107@gmail.com](mailto:emersonelementarypto44107@gmail.com)

If you have ideas for ways we can safely connect or would like to be more involved, please, send us a message! We'd also love to hear from you with ideas for next school year, when we can (hopefully) bring back some of our time honored favorite events. For more information or to let us know how you'd like to help, email us at [emersonelementarypto44017@gmail.com](mailto:emersonelementarypto44017@gmail.com)

Have a happy and safe holiday, and enjoy your break!

**Follow us on Facebook @EmersonElementaryPTO.**



## **CAN WE REACH YOU? ALERT NOW CONTACT HELP!**



If you would like additional phone numbers or email addresses added to the Alert Now portion of Registration Gateway, Mrs. Jenean Carlson, our school secretary, is happy to help. This will give access to emailed announcements and newsletters as well as text updates. Don't worry, we won't send too many! Mrs. Carlson can be reached at 216-529-4254.

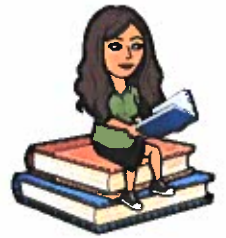
## **TECHNOLOGY REPAIR & TROUBLE SHOOTING**

- **WHILE EMERSON IS REMOTE:** Help is available for the LCS iPads & Chromebooks
  - Tuesday and Thursday 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM
  - At Lakewood High School, Garfield Middle School & Harding Middle School
  - Friday 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM at LHS only
- **WHILE EMERSON IS IN PARTIAL RETURN:** Computers in need of repair, can receive help at each home building. Classroom teachers can arrange for the computer to get tech assistance in the LRC on any day kids are scheduled for school.



## **GRAB & GO BOOK WEDNESDAYS WHILE REMOTE & PARTIAL RETURN**

Grab & Go is here to get books to your students . Order Emerson library books online & pick them up! Use Mrs. Johnson's link to select "Find a book"  
<https://sites.google.com/lakewoodcityschools.org/emersonlibrary/home>



You can pick them up each Wednesday from 10:00-12:30 at the library stairs at Jackson while we are in remote learning status. When in partial return, the books can be delivered to your child's classroom. The best way to grow as a reader is to read, read and read!

## **LAKWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY HAS A NEW VIRTUAL, ONGOING READING PROGRAM!**

Library Explorers Badge Quest is a virtual reading program for students in grades K-8 that is designed to encourage them to try everything the Library has to offer. Read your way through the Children's and Youth Services area at Lakewood Public Library! You receive a digital badge when you read the number of books required for each category. Read the required number of books from 12 categories to complete this program. Early readers may read with an adult or an adult may read to them. You may complete badges in any order you wish. Categories include juvenile and teen nonfiction, biographies, chapter books, picture books, graphic novels, magazines, eBooks, etc. Complete twelve of the seventeen badges to complete this program. Receive a Lakewood Public Library drawstring book bag, a new book, and a bookmark when you complete this program. Register here:

<https://www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/badgequest/>

## **LUNCH "GRAB & GO" OPTION**

**WHILE IN REMOTE STATUS:** Free grab & go lunch is being offered at all schools. Families can pick up at any building for all school-age kids FREE OF COST. Lunch-recess monitors will support traffic flow in and out to promote safe distancing. Grab-N-Go containers with a lid along with milk (hot lunch) will support the to-go process. Enter through the side glass doors on Jackson for the Emerson location. 11:00am-1:15pm Daily



**WHILE IN PARTIAL RETURN STATUS:** All Students can get a free hot lunch on the days they are in session (gold or purple) **AND** they can also take home a cold breakfast/lunch combo for the next day when they are at home learning. One less worry for our families! Tell your child to sign up each morning during lunch count time. For younger children, another option is to email your classroom teacher to make arrangements.

*Wishing you and your family a  
happy and healthy holiday break!*

Let's Stay Connected, Emerson!



Follow Emerson's Twitter page for all of our updates, celebrations, and ways to stay in touch with families, even throughout the summer.  
We love to see what you are doing from home!  
Keep posting these pictures by tagging us and using the hashtags below.

[@LinedEmerson](#)

[#WinThisTogetherLKM](#)  [#EmersonConnects](#)

Your Principal and Partner in Learning,

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# Lakewood City Schools Academic Calendar - Partial

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Calendar Key	
	All Students- Remote Learning
	No School for All Students
■	Purple (Last names A-K) in Classroom
■	Gold (Last names L-Z) in Classroom
■	First/Last Days of School
◆	End of Quarter

## Important Dates

August 18-28, 2020	Professional days for staff development and preparation
August 31, 2020	Start of the student academic year
September 7, 2020	Labor Day – no school for all students
October 9, 2020	NEOE Day – no school for all students
October 28, 2020	Elem/MS Evening Parent Conferences- school in session
October 29, 2020*	Elem/MS Parent Conferences – no school for K-8
October 30, 2020*	Elem/MS Parent Conferences – no school for K-8
November 3, 2020	Professional Day for staff – no school for all students
November 19, 2020	LHS Evening Parent Conferences– school in session
November 23, 2020	LHS Evening Parent Conferences– school in session
November 25, 2020	Non-instructional Day – no school for all students
November 26-27, 2020	Thanksgiving Vacation – no school for all students
November 30, 2020	School Reopens

December 18, 2020	Professional Day – no school for all students
December 21, 2020	Winter Break Begins – no school for all students
January 4, 2021	School Reopens
January 18, 2021	Martin Luther King Day – no school for all students
February 12, 2021	Professional Day – no school for all students
February 15, 2021	Presidents' Day – no school for all students
March 22, 2021	Spring Break Begins – no school for all students
March 29, 2021	School Reopens
April 2, 2021	Holiday - no school for all students
April 5, 2021	No school for all students
May 31, 2021	Memorial Day – no school for all students
June 2, 2021	Last Day of School for all students
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