

June 19, 2020

Dear Prescott families and friends,

Yesterday was the end of our extraordinary school year, but our students' and adult learning continues. Please create a rough routine for your children this summer to include:

- + Reading fun, engaging books from your home or the public library.
- + Exploring math skills and concepts through your child's IXL subscription or math problems from your child's teachers, such as the 6-8th grade Summer Book Challenge.
- + Talk about your daily life, problems, solutions in a kid-friendly way.
- + Model and expect kindness from your child(ren) to others.
- + Ask your child's teachers for additional opportunities for learning.
- + Celebrate insights and excitement about learning!

Teachers and staff continue to prepare teaching and learning for Remote Learning and in-person learning in the Fall.

- ★ 15 of us SECAs and teachers spend 30 online hours in the past two weeks learning about Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) from [Mindful Practices](#) and will earn certificates.
- ★ 12 of us read and discussed in a book club *Mathematical Mindsets*
- ★ 3 of us read and discussed in an art book club: *Studio thinking from the start*
- ★ Some 25 of us have committed to becoming Google [Certified Educator Level 1](#)
- ★ Many of us are attending [Chicago Literacy Group Summer Institutes](#) to adapt instruction to Remote Learning.
- ★ Our SEL Team is vetting from an inspiring list of books for our collective learning in 2020-21
- ★ Our EdTech Team has created a Remote Learning website to share with you soon. They've also developed best practices for making pre-recorded videos and streamlined platforms so you'll have fewer to manage.
- ★ Our Math Team is deep into ways to take our math teaching and learning to the level of deep student conceptual understanding.
- ★ Our teachers and Coach Jenn Moore are developing a set of orientation videos to support you.
- ★ We are in the process of applying for a grant to outfit staff at home with the Zoom and other subscriptions as well as hardware such as large monitors to enhance their teaching and ultimately, your child(ren)'s learning.

On the next page, please find Prescott's draft 2020-21 calendar as well as the district's calendar. Attached again is the school's Remote Learning plan for Fall, 2020 for your preparation. In late July, we'll send additional information about supplies and materials you'll need to have at home for your children's learning.

We will meet the challenges of Remote Learning or a hybrid with in-person learning. Together, we will emerge from this pandemic stronger, closer, and smarter than ever! I look forward to working with you in partnership for all our children..

Erin Roche
Principal



Prescott School 2020-21 Master Calendar

The school year may start via Remote Learning (RL) or hybrid of RL and in-person learning. **Events in bold may be rescheduled or changed in RL occurs.**

During summer, winter and spring intersessions, be sure to have your child take advantage of Alliant Credit Union family books, [Raz Kids](#) and [IXL](#) to help grow in reading and math!

<p><u>AUGUST</u> 29 → Kindergarten virtual Meet-and-Greet (4:30) 29 → Back-to-School Popsicle Party, Wrightwood Park at 5:30pm</p>	<p><u>FEBRUARY</u> 4 → End of Q2 5 → No school for students, Teacher PD 9 → School Tour (virtual, if RL) at 9am 10 → 2Q report cards go home 11 → Family STEM night 12 → Recognition of Learning 15 → President's Day, no school for students 26 → Celebration of Learning</p>
<p><u>SEPTEMBER</u> 8 → First day of school! School starts 8:30 and classes at 8:45 15 → School Tour (virtual, if RL) at 9am 17 → Curriculum Night K-5th grade, all parents attend 14-18 → Spirit Week 18 → Field Day (Rain out date 9/27) 24 → Middle School (6-8) Curriculum Night, all parents</p>	<p><u>MARCH</u> 1-5 → Kindergarten registration for in-area students begins 9 → School Tour (virtual, if RL) at 9am 10 → 3Q progress reports go home TBD → Illinois Assessment of Readiness (3-8th graders) 29-April 2 Spring Break</p>
<p><u>OCTOBER</u> 7 → Q1 progress reports go home 12 → Indigenous Peoples Day, no school for students 13 → School Tour (virtual, if RL) at 9am 15 → Family Reading Night 23 → Celebration of Learning (students only) 30 → Literacy Character Parade</p>	<p><u>APRIL</u> 6-10 → Spring Break, no school for students 13 → School Tour (virtual, if RL) at 9am 15 → End of Q3 16 → No School for students, Teacher PD 19-23 → Book Fair 21 → Q3 Report Card Pick-Up, Parent/Teacher Conferences 23 → Recognition of Learning (families invited) 30 → Celebration of Learning (students only)</p>
<p><u>NOVEMBER</u> 5 → End of Q1 6 → No school for students, Teacher PD 11 → Veteran's Day, no school for students 10 → School Tour (virtual, if RL) at 9am 18 → Q1 Parent/Teacher Conferences (virtual, if RL) 13 → Recognition of Learning (parents invited) 20 → High School applications due (8th graders) 24 → Celebration of Learning (students only) 24 → Picture Day K-7, 8th grade graduation pictures 25-27 → Thanksgiving Break, no school for students</p>	<p><u>MAY</u> 7 → Art Show (K-8) 11 → School Tour (virtual, if RL) at 9am 14-16 → Drama Club performances 19 → 4Q progress reports go home 21 → Walk-a-thon 31 → Memorial Day, no school for students</p>
<p><u>DECEMBER</u> Nov 30-Dec 4 → Scholastic Book Fair 8 → School Tour (virtual, if RL) at 9am 16 → Q2 progress reports go home 14-18 → Spirit Week 18 → Cultural Celebration (K-2) 19 Winter Break begins, no school for students</p>	<p><u>JUNE</u> 8 → School Tour (virtual, if RL) at 9am 11 → Middle School Dance 7-11 → Spirit Week 17 → 8th grade graduation 18 → Kindergarten celebration 18 → Recognition of Learning 22 → Last day of school!</p>
<p><u>JANUARY</u> 4 → Classes resume 12 → School Tour (virtual, if RL) at 9am 18 → Martin Luther King Day, no school for students</p>	