

Hiawatha Leadership Academy- Northrop

May 4-May 8



A Message from the Principal

Dear HLAN Families,

As I read the news and observe what is happening across our nation, this global pandemic is yet another reminder of the inequities that exist in our society. From job access to housing to healthcare, many face an uphill battle as we work to provide for ourselves and our families. What gives me hope, however, is that even in the midst of a global pandemic, together we have the opportunity to do something incredible for our students: we can help them become strong readers.

Giving a person the gift of literacy is one of the most powerful, life-changing gifts you can give. To support you with this, we have a few key pieces of distance learning in place right now. First, we have provided your child access to a number of online texts through the Epic program. Whether in “physical school” or distance learning, study after study shows that students who read a LOT do very well academically. I ask that you make the most of the time students have at home to read, read, read. Students can read alone, read with you, or have someone read to them. They can read in Spanish, English, or a different home language. They can read books they enjoy and books that are assigned to them. What matters is they are reading frequently.

To further help with this, we have begun providing our K-3 grade students with a daily phonic lesson on Seesaw. Phonics is a systematic method of teaching reading based on science and receiving phonics instruction is a critical part of students learning to read. Please ensure

your child completes their 10-30 minute phonics lessons daily on Seesaw. If you would like to know what they are working on, I encourage you to do the phonics lesson with them so you can see what they are practicing and you can reinforce it at home.

There is so much we cannot control about our world and lives right now; what is within our control is our ability to set our students up for success with a strong foundation in literacy.

If you have questions, need support with anything including how to help build strong reading habits at home or would like to connect about anything else, please contact your child’s teacher or reach out to me directly at nmanaen@hiawathaacademies.org or at 952-237-3632.

Thank you,
Mr. Nate

Daily Student Work In Seesaw

Morning Meeting: A 5-10 minute video students watch to start their day with their teacher. This is a great place for you to participate to see what you child’s teacher has planned for the day.

Math: Students will typically have a math warm up and a worksheet to complete. Teachers will review student work and send them any corrections.

Independent Reading: The highlight of the day! We know that reading often and a lot is a critical predictor of academic success and also supports a lifetime of joy and learning. Your child has access to a huge number of online books through the Epic program.

Phonics: Students will have 10-30 minute video activities to build their reading skills. Please have your child do this each day!

Specials Classes: Our art, music, Spanish, PE and science teachers prepare an activity each week for your child to participate in. There is no assignment to turn in, and I encourage you to participate with your child in these activities!