



# C Track Kindergarten with Mr. Howe

August 10, 2020

Dear Parents,

We had a great first week of school! We concentrated on procedures in the classroom. The students also learned several of the songs we will be singing all year. Each day we built stamina and moved closer to our more regular schedule. Thank you for your flexibility and patience.

I have finished my initial testing of the class to find out their strengths and their academic needs. The class will be split into four small groups based on my testing. Each small group will have a 20-minute block with a special activity that focuses on that group's needs. There will be three 20-minute breaks for each student during the day. During the first 20-minute break, students should work on the activity assigned. During the second 20-minute break, students should get away from their screen, use the restroom and maybe get a snack. During the third break, students can use one of the online activities that will be listed in Google Classroom. Students are expected to be in our class from 8:00am to 11:10am every day. When they are on a 20-minute break, they will be in the Zoom waiting room. Remember that we have 24 students in our class, and the schedule times will have to remain flexible. The schedule is listed below.

A drive through/take home school lunch is available from 11:15am to 12:45pm every day.

The expectation is that students will do 15 minutes of homework outside of the school day. The homework calendar is a great source of fun activities that are considered their homework. Reading to your child is the most important homework. Please read to your child every day. I would normally have a reading log for parents to fill out. This year the reading log will be online. I will share the reading log next week.

I will be available online in the afternoon from 1:15pm to 2:00pm, Tuesday through Friday, for anyone who needs some extra help.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions. My email address is [steve@howekinder.com](mailto:steve@howekinder.com). My cell number is (916) 799-4497. I prefer that you call (or text) me on my cell number. If I am available to talk, I will pick up the phone. If I am not available, please leave a message with your phone number and the **best time to call**, and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

Sincerely,

Steven Howe  
Mary Tsukamoto Elementary School

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## Class Schedule

7:30 - 8:00 Login to Zoom – talk with friends

8:00 - 8:45 Opening/Whole group instruction

8:45 - 9:05 Red Group (small group instruction) (Yellow, Orange, Green Break)

9:05 - 9:20 Whole Group activity

9:20 - 9:40 Yellow Group (Small group instruction) (Red, Orange, Green Break)

9:40 - 9:55 Whole group activity

9:55 - 10:15 Orange Group (Small group instruction) (Red, Yellow, Green Break)

10:15 - 10:30 Whole group activity

10:30 - 10:50 Green Group (small group activity) (Red, Yellow, Orange Break)

10:50 - 11:10 Closing activities

(130 minutes Whole group/Small Group, 60 minutes asynchronous)

School lunch is available from 11:15am to 12:45pm every day.

Mr. Howe will be available on Zoom from 1:15pm to 2:00pm, Tuesday through Friday

The class Zoom link is available on Google Classroom