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Mission:

Doss CCSD will
create and sustain
an environment to
inspire curiosity,
respect tradition, and
embrace excellence.

District Values:
Love, Respect, Serve

Pam Seipp, Administrative Consultant

May 28, 2020

Via Electronic Mail

Dear Parents, Guardians, Employees and Community:

Thank you for the kindness you share! Positively, it is the backbone of our success this school year. Kindness is also the medium through which we will achieve peace with our unique world health situation.

For planning purposes, we pre-registered current students in February. We hope and plan for each of these students to return in August. If you have other plans, please call 830.669.2411 or email administration@doss.txed.net. With pre-registration student numbers, teaching assignments were identified: Mrs. Williams will teach Pre-K and Kinder; Mrs. Arhelger will teach grades 1 through 3; and Mrs. Sattler will teach grades 4 through 8. We are excited about this!

We will follow the Governor and Commissioner recommendations for health and safety to plan our new year. Unless these change, we will start Monday, August 24th with in-person instruction in Doss. We are eager to return but want you to know up front that required adjustments will be made in some areas, particularly related to health and safety. We are required to pick up children at the district line, but the length of the school day will remain the same.

Due to a ten-week school closure this year followed by a similar time for summer vacation, there is a potential for some children to return to school in August with academic learning gaps. Recognizing this, early in the closure we delivered consumable textbooks to everyone. Then, we shared the State prepared instructional framework. Using only half of this framework, students should have four more weeks of instruction available for use in studies.

For the summer months, we encourage reading: read to children, listen to children read, and require them to read! Success in all subjects depend upon strong reading skills. The State has partnered with Renaissance Learning to provide online reading resources for all students. Information regarding this opportunity will be provided as a separate attachment. Please help your children set up accounts for access to these valuable reading resources.

To support lessons next year, Doss will use the IXL program. For those who would like to begin early, we ask you to contact a classroom teacher for usernames and passwords. Information regarding IXL will also be provided as a separate attachment. Further information regarding this program will be forwarded to those who request it this summer. All parents will receive information in the new year as we plan to use IXL for both screening and learning.

Again, thank you! We appreciate you helping us to make the best of the health situation we face. Working together as an instructional team we will ensure our children succeed. **We cannot wait to see the children again in August!**

Sincerely,

Pam Seipp

**"The world does not know how much it owes to the
common kindnesses which so abound everywhere."**

~ J.R. Miller, *The Beauty of Kindness* ~



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