**Hello Anaranjado Families!**

Welcome to the week of May 4th - 8th, 2020. I hope you and your family are doing well and finding new ways to stay home and healthy. As we enter fully into May, I’m looking forward to seeing our garden grow and to having windows open all day long!

I have two exciting announcements…first, that MCH students are officially launching a school newspaper! We spoke with the students about it yesterday during our typical theater meeting, and wow were they into it! We still have quite a bit of set up to do, but we’re getting the ball rolling, and the students were tasked with taking the weekend to consider how they’d like to be involved.

At the middle school level, we will focus on journalism as a profession, including looking at ethics, interviewing skills, investigative journalism and more, incorporating what they learn into their work on the newspaper. Stay tuned for details on this, and be sure to ask your child to share things with you as they develop!

The second announcement is that we are officially going live with our new live professionals series, which I am calling **Dream Big: A Spotlight on Interesting and Unique Professions**. Our first presenter is a good friend of mine named Ryan Smith. Ryan’s an emergency veterinarian as well as a professional beekeeper and honey farmer, and will be going live with us on Tuesday, though I’m still working out what time is best for his schedule. It should be fun and interesting, and you are welcome to join us if interested!

This week, students will finish and present their second partner project for Natural World. They’ll also revise and present original haiku. As we move on from Haiku, we will begin studying Shakespeare’s sonnets. Additionally, they will explore and begin to settle into their roles in the new school newspaper, and that work is as yet unknown until they choose.

Finally, I would like to offer a chance to meet via Zoom or Teams with you and your child for an updated Goal-setting Conference. This is a chance to check in, talk about what’s working, what could be better, and set some goals for our final six weeks in the school year. Please let me know what day and time works for you and your family next week or the week after. Happy May Day, I hope you have a great weekend!

**Ongoing Weekly Individual Work**

* Weekly Math lessons/exercises (different for each student)
* Typesy – 20 min of typing practice, 3 times per week.
* Rosetta Stone – 30 min, 2 times per week
* Personal research/passion projects – check in with teacher weekly

**What’s Happening This Week**

Monday:

* Students will exchange their haiku drafts with their partners for feedback
* Art class at 2 pm via Zoom, link will be in the MS Teams Art channel

Tuesday:

* Live Dream On event, featuring Ryan Smith – Professional Honey Farmer, time TBD
* School newspaper Zoom meeting to discuss roles, time TBD
* Partners turn in answers for NW reading; begin working on presentations

Wednesday:

* Present original haiku to class
* Live concert via MCH Facebook Page at 4 pm

Thursday:

* Partner projects due to Marc by 10 am
* Newspaper/Journalism at 2 pm via Zoom

Friday:

* Partner projects presentation
* SW and NW Vocab Quiz
* Yoga class at 1 pm via Zoom, link will be posted in the MS Teams Specialists channel