



IMPORTANT iPad INFORMATION

Dear New Middle School Prairie Parents,

I hope this letter finds you enjoying your summer! I would like to share with you some very important details regarding our student iPad program. As we begin the first year in a 2-year device cycle, there are a few things that you will need to attend to before the school year begins:

iPad Loan Agreement & Student Expectations Form

In this mailing you will find the enclosed Loan Agreement/Student Expectations sheet. This very important document needs to be viewed and SIGNED by both parents and the student prior to a student using an iPad at school. You may return this sheet to the Middle School Office at any time prior to the beginning of school.

"Home Rules" Discussion

As you read through the student expectations portion of the document, we encourage you to use this as an opportunity to discuss what rules or limits your family will have when your child uses the device at home or outside of school. As is the case with any Internet-capable device, it is of utmost importance that your child understands clear boundaries as to its use. Taking the time to have this discussion *before* the device is in your home will help best establish a clear understanding of your expectations.

Apple ID Setup:

As students in 5th grade are under the age of 13, an additional step will need to be taken by families to be in accordance with the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA). On **Monday, July 18th** the Technology Staff will initiate a request sent by Apple via email to parents requesting them to create an Apple ID on behalf of the student under the age of 13. We ask that you:

- 1) Create and verify the Apple ID as per the directions from Apple, and
- 2) Email me the password you used for the account ASAP so that we may set up their iPad to be ready for the school year. You may email me directly at the address below.

NOTE: STUDENTS WITHOUT A PROPER APPLE ID SET UP WILL NOT BE ABLE TO HAVE AN IPAD SET UP FOR THEM UNTIL THEY HAVE DONE SO.

When does my child bring home their iPad?

As 5th grade is a significant step that includes many new changes, students' iPads remain at school during the evening hours for the first few weeks of school. During this time, the teachers purposefully introduce all of the apps, digital content, and procedures at a digestible pace. Once the students have assimilated to the process, the teachers will alert families as to the date that students will be allowed to take the devices home with them.

I warmly welcome you to Prairie, and am eager to meet all of you. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions about the process set forth above.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Klay Shannon".

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