"Obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it." - Michael Jordan

That is a great quote for all of us right now. We are figuring out a new way to learn. We are not giving up, we are not turning back. We are striving forward. We are learning a new way called *distance learning*.

Starting FRIDAY, MARCH 20<sup>th</sup> distance learning officially begins! That means everything that I post here is mandatory. All assignments listed on this page during the school closure will have a due date (in Infinite Campus) and they will count as grades.

Attendance: Your first responsibility each day is to log into Google Classroom and complete the DAILY ATTENDANCE by 10:00 AM. The daily attendance can be found in the Math Google Classroom. All unexcused absences will be marked. This means that if you do not log in by 10:00 AM and respond to the attendance question you will be marked absent for the day. Three absences and your name will be reported to the principal. If you are not feeling well on a particular day please ask your parent to email me and let me know. You are responsible for your learning. That is the way it has to be right now.

Assignments: We will be continuing the same curriculum and pacing as before. EVERYTHING will be posted here on this page. Each day you will have assignments in Math, Science and Social Studies like you use to in school. (*Social Studies assignments are only for HR 323*). This includes live lessons via Google Meet, Google Classroom assignments and check-ins, IXL skills, quizzes, tests, links to videos and other supplemental learning tools. We will be using new online tools like Eureka, Discovery Education, Newsela and others. I need you to use the website and Google Classroom daily to know what is due and to use Infinite Campus to know when it is due. Please follow the day-to-day activities listed on this page.

**Google Meet Live Lessons** - We will be using Google Meet for live-streaming lessons on new material. **\*\*Homeroom 323 will meet at 10AM and Homeroom 322 will meet at 11 AM**. On the day of the Google Meet, please have your EMAIL open and be ready to receive the link into the meeting. You simply click the link and are dropped into the live meeting. **\*\*Very important** - when you land into the Google Meet I need you to shut off your camera and microphone by pressing the buttons on your screen. You should just be listening to me until I ask a question then you can unmute your microphone. I hear everyone's background noise otherwise. Even though I would like to see you, by law your camera should be off. If students are having trouble

with this rule I will have to remove you from the Meet. Meets are designed as quick lessons on new topics.

**Small Group Instruction** - Should you need further instruction on a topic or have a question on an assignment; we will have time for small group instruction on Google Meet. After each lesson, remain in the Google Meet if you need to for small group. You may end the Google Meet at any time after the lesson. I will also be using **Go Guardian** to monitor your online activities and I will enable the chat feature should you have questions or need assistance.

**Online Learning Times:** How long should you be online? Well according to the district you should have 1 hour of reading, 1 hour of math, 45 minutes of science, 45 minutes of social studies and your specials will be scheduled 3 times per week. Library Media will be scheduled one day per week. So as you can see you need to be learning for about 3 ½ hours per day. I will be available through email, Google Meets, Go Guardian and by phone if necessary.

I cannot stress how important the website and Google Classroom are to this being successful.

That is our distance learning plan. We are ready. We got this.

Ok guys, see you soon.

Mr. Briganti