

Coosa Elementary School

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year. The teachers have been busy preparing for the upcoming year. By now, our families have either met 1:1 with the teachers or plan to this week to meet the teacher and discuss the upcoming school year though the use of Zoom. We hope that you find these meetings helpful, and they ease any stress you may be feeling starting the year virtually.

Initially, we had planned to start classes on Tuesday, September 8th using our newly implemented K12 Solutions Platform. It was decided this morning to launch K12 Solutions the following week across the district. This will allow our teachers time to familiarize students with online learning and complete many of the traditional "first week of school" activities to include familiarizing students with programs, conduct team building activities, discuss procedures and expectations, etc. It will also allow our families to become acclimated with the daily schedule before introducing a new learning platform. Students in K-2 can expect to attend classes via Zoom and receive/turn in work through Seesaw. Students in 3rd-5th grades can expect to attend classes through Zoom and receive/turn in work via Google Classroom. These programs are loaded on students' devices and teachers will spend time during the first week of school familiarizing students with the programs.

We will offer students the opportunity to take MAP testing in-person or virtually within the first 10 days of school. If your child has not completed their MAP tests for reading and math, the teacher will be reaching out to you to determine your testing preference, and to schedule the testing. If a student decides to test in person, they will be testing in a small group and all safety measures will be in place.

If you have not picked up your child's device, please do so no later than Friday as classes start on Tuesday. You will need to email Ashley Kabel, Ashley.kabel@beaufort.k12.sc.us, to schedule a time for pickup, or call the school. When you pick up your child's device, you will also receive the Parent and Student Handbook along with several addendums for the upcoming school year.

We are excited to start the school year and look forward to interacting with our new and returning students soon.

Sincerely, Melissa Pender Renee Roberts