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Salam Dear Parents:

The new school year is almost upon us. As parents, kids, and teachers, we have many questions about what our program might look like due to the pandemic. But GKAI is excited to join with you in this adventure. We believe that everyone feels more at ease when they know what the plans are and what to expect. Safety is the number one priority and we ask for your help with things that we can control, such as, how and when to wear a mask correctly, proper handwashing, and social distancing when possible. While we do have a plan for starting the new school year, we must remain flexible and realize that there may be glitches and changes we will have to make along the way.

Now, for our amazing school-age children! In light of the full virtual format through the county, we are bound to face challenges as the school year gets underway. Our goal is to facilitate your child's learning and adapt as the year progresses.

- First, we want to be prepared to accommodate all of the electronic devices that will be used. Our goal is to provide the most reliable internet, but we do not always have control over that, especially if it is raining. Watch for our new policy regarding the use of all electronic devices, that will be coming soon.
- Most kids will need additional support to help them learn how to structure their time, make to do lists, complete tasks, and communicate with their teachers. We will provide as much on-going support and proctoring during their time at GKAI. Some examples include:
  1. Assist in keeping our young students engaged in their on-line class schedule as instructed by MCPS.
  2. Providing on-line support and connectivity.
  3. Homework help will be provided as needed to the best of our teacher's abilities to our children.
  4. Creating a daily log to provide parents with daily observations and feedback.

When we are given further direction from the county, we will make any changes as necessary. We are counting on your help to provide us with feedback and suggestions as needed. As we move forward, please do not hesitate to call or ask questions. We are all in this together!

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