Welcome to



September 8th, 2020

Greetings,

This year is going to be SWEET?

I warmly welcome you to third grade at Hephzibah Elementary School (HES) Online Academy. I am excited to get started with you on this new virtual learning adventure!

First, I am pleased to announce HES is an IB (International Baccalaureate) World School. IB creates a world view in our classroom. I teach the same standards as other schools but I do so by using transdisciplinary units. This means I connect all subjects in together in some way. Our first unit is How We Express Ourselves. We will be exploring and asking questions about our appreciation of the aesthetic.

In addition to transdisciplinary units, I also teach <u>learner profile</u> attributes which help students develop world-mindedness, respect, and teamwork, to name a few. I will reward students with points on Class Dojo when they are "caught" displaying one of these attributes! You can go to IB website <u>www.ibo.org</u> for more information about the IB programme.

Second, to prepare for Online Academy, please help your student practice logging into <u>LaunchPad</u> and going to <u>Canvas</u>. You can also view the <u>student guide</u> and <u>student orientation</u> to explore more aspects of Canvas. Please purchase items on the supply list before the first day of school—keep in mind shipping may be delayed, so if you are ordering online you may want to do so soon.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

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