Digital Blended Learning Classroom

This year, our school has been fortunate enough to receive more technology for the students to use. We are very excited for the opportunities that this will bring to your child while they are learning!! This letter is to inform you what a digital blended learning (DBL) classroom is and what opportunities and responsibilities you and your child can expect this year.

What is a Digital Blended Learning Classroom?

Your child will be in a digital blended learning (DBL) classroom this year. This means that your student will be using technology to guide their learning every single day. We will still use paper and pencils, and the teachers will still be teaching everyday. But, blending technology into the mix will enrich your student's learning in a new, 21st century way. Our goal is to use technology every day for 3 reasons:

1. Engagement – We want students to be excited about their learning.
2. Effectiveness – We want students to master the standards they are learning and increase the productivity of the classroom.
3. Ownership – We want students to see where they're at in the learning process and set goals for themselves for where they'd like to be. Using technology for tracking data helps personalize this for each student.

What are the Responsibilities of Being in a Digital Blended Learning Classroom?

Glenellen has received 2 in 1 computers for the students in DBL classrooms to use. 2 in 1 computers are pieces of technology that have the capability of being either a laptop or a tablet. (Cool right?!) Every day your student will be working on one. Whether it's watching a video for Social Studies or drawing a model to solve a Math problem, they will have technology in their hands every single day. They will have a personal 2 in 1

computer assigned to them for the whole year. This is a big responsibility! We expect several things from your students this year while in their DBL classroom:

1. Your student will treat the 2 in 1 computer in the appropriate manner. They will always carry it with 2 hands, never eat or drink near it, and respect it as a piece of property that they are using to help their learning.
2. _It is a tool, NOT a toy._
3. Your student will use the 2 in 1 computer as a tool to guide their learning. They will not visit websites or programs that have not been teacher approved.
4. Your student will <u>NEVER</u> bring their 2 in 1 computer home.
5. As the parent/guardian you assume the responsibility that if your child damages or misuses the 2 in1 computer, you may be responsible for repairs.

Please, please, please take the time to read over these statements of responsibility with your child. It is imperative that everyone understands the expectations that come with being in a digital blended learning classroom.

Before your child will be assigned their 2 in 1 computer for the year, you and your student will need to sign that you acknowledge the responsibilities that will come with this incredible opportunity. (The signature portion for this is on the back of the "Student Information Paper.") Classroom teachers will go over expectations in detail for the students, but you as parents and guardians should also do this at home. Please return the form back to your student's homeroom teacher after you have discussed and agreed upon your responsibilities of being a part of this digital blended learning classroom.

We cannot wait to see what this year holds for your student academically!

☺ Thank you!