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Dear KG families,

Happy New Year! It is hard to believe that the first half of the school year is nearly behind us. Thank you for all the support you have provided to ensure your scholar has a successful transition to remote learning.

**I'm writing to inform you that when we begin Term 2 on Monday, January 25th, all Kindergarten students will experience a change in their daily schedule.** This schedule change will occur so that Kindergarteners can begin to experience the full range of curricular components that our 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> graders already get each day. They will have additional writing and read aloud blocks and a second daily math block. This longer schedule will be closer to mirroring what our students would be doing if they were in-person. The half-day schedule was always meant to be temporary, in order to ease Kindergarteners into "virtual school." We began the year with a slower start for our youngest students given the research from the NYCDOE that demonstrates the importance of transitions, with successful transitions between pre-K and kindergarten resulting in children enjoying school, showing growth in all domains, and having families actively engaged in their learning. Our intention was for students to build stamina and to intentionally ramp up the amount of learning in each block.

**The new remote Kindergarten schedule will run from 8:00 to 2:45 p.m. each day.** This includes ample time for breaks, including a lunch break that is an hour long, as well as many shorter breaks. It also includes time at the end of the day when your child will complete asynchronous work. (See sample schedule below.)

We know that this is a significant change from what we have all gotten used to. However, we know from our peer schools at Ascend that Kindergarteners can and will succeed with the longer virtual school day.

**We will host an optional KG family information session on Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm to provide additional information about your child's new schedule.** Here is the link to the meeting: <https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/1498862455> In the meantime, please reach out to us with any questions or concerns you may have. We are so grateful to all of you for your communication and partnership throughout this unprecedented school year.

If you have any questions, please reach out to me or your scholar's Assistant Principal, Ms. Hinkson.

Sincerely,



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Start Time	End Time	Subject	Synchronous or Asynchronous	
8:00	8:30	Morning Meeting	Synchronous (LIVE)	
8:30	9:00	Number Stories		
9:00	9:15	Break		
9:15	10:00	Math Workshop		
10:00	10:15	Break		
10:15	10:45	Phonics		
10:45	11:00	Break		
11:00	12:00	Guided Reading		
12:00	1:00	Lunch / Recess		
1:00	1:30	Writing or Read Aloud		
1:30	1:45	Closing Circle		
1:45	2:00	Break		Asynchronous
2:00	2:45	Specials or Science		