

VILLA CRESTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Villa Cresta Elementary Families,

As we approach the Interim period of Quarter 1, we are reaching out to our families to clarify the expectations for special areas. Students are expected to attend 30 minutes of live instruction for every special each week. During these live lessons, it is preferred that students turn on their cameras, as many of our special areas require demonstration of performance-based skills. However, we understand that some students may not be comfortable or have the ability to do so. In these cases, we highly encourage them to utilize the chat feature in Google Meet to demonstrate their participation.

Students usually have 50 minutes of every special each week which consists of actively learning new skills and then completing a written or hands on component that is graded. In this virtual environment, students will engage in 30 minutes of synchronous instruction and then complete their independent graded portion of the class asynchronous (anytime) through lessons in Schoology that are reviewed for the students' grades. The following chart outlines what your child should expect to receive weekly for asynchronous work in special area classes:

Special Area Class	Weekly Assignments – Asynchronous
Art	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete all assignments in weekly folder
Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• “Think About It” Discussion• “Show What You Know”• Summative Assessment at the end of each unit
Vocal Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• “Think About It” Discussion• “Try It” – Choose 1 Choice Board activity• “Show What You Know” Assessment at the end of each unit
Exploratory Music <i>(4th Grade Only)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• “Think About It” Discussion• “Try It” – Choose 1 Choice Board activity• “Show What You Know” Assessment at the end of each unit
Instrumental Music <i>(5th Grade Band and Orchestra Only)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• “Try It” performance activity• Playing Assessment 1-2 times per marking period
Physical Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete all assignments in weekly folder

Please review your child's Gradebook in Schoology for each special area class to ensure that these assignments are being completed. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's special area teacher. We look forward to continuing to work with your child this school year and supporting you in the completing of online assignments.

Sincerely,

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