Frequently Asked Questions about the iPads

Can the students use the iPads during recess?
   Students are not allowed to take the iPads outside to recess. However, there might be times where their teacher allows the students to use the iPads during inside recess, but they will be monitored.

Can we take the iPads on vacation?
   Parents will make the decision whether the iPads go on vacation.

Do we need to tap Apps closed to reserve the battery?
   No, the iPad batteries will stay charged for quite some time even with open Apps. However, the brighter you have the iPad the more energy from the battery is used.

Can you create shortcuts on the iPads?
   The classroom teachers will show the students how to bookmark certain sites that are used in the classroom.

What does the annual $25.00 cover for the AppleCare?
   The annual $25.00 helps cover the cost of the AppleCare, so the students can take the iPads home at night and during the summer. The AppleCare covers all damage to the iPad and power cord and enables the student to get their iPad fixed or replaced if it becomes damaged or broken. AppleCare does not cover the cost of a lost or stolen iPad, charger, or cover. You will need to complete a police report should your child’s iPad become stolen.

Can the children download Apps on their iPad?
   No, only the district can download Apps on the students’ iPads. The teachers have worked in their grade level teams to identify Apps for the iPads.

What security filter is used with the iPads?
   The iPads will always go through the district’s security filter when the iPad is at school. However, parents will be responsible for monitoring the use of the iPad at home.

What do I do when the iPad asks (update software)
   The district will handle all software updates. Please click cancel if prompted to update software.

Does my child need an email address for their iPad?
   No, the students will not be using an email address.

Do the students need a security code for the iPad?
   No, they do not need a security code for the iPad.

What do we do if it breaks or gets damaged?
   Complete an iPad Repair Form and return the iPad with the completed form to your child’s teacher. She will complete a Helpdesk ticket and the iPad will be repaired or replaced within 24 to 48 hours.
How much time will the students be on the iPad during school?
Teachers are finding the students are using the iPads for short periods of time throughout the day. Most activities on the iPads are about 15 to 20 minutes in length resulting in a total daily usage of 60 to 75 minutes.

Are the iPads turned on all day?
No, the iPads are turned off while not in use.

Will the students still use paper and pencil during the school day.
Yes, students will still complete work using paper and pencils. Students will still continue to work on their handwriting skills using paper and pencil approach. Activities will still occur in the classroom, art room, and STEAM lab to foster fine motor skills.

Who controls the iPad at home?
The parents are in control of the iPad at home and decide how much time their child can spend on the iPad outside of the school day.

Can my child use their iPad on the bus?
No, the children have been instructed to keep their district issued iPad in their backpacks while riding the bus. The bus drivers have also been notified of this rule and will report students to the building principal if this rule is violated.

Who is responsible for a lost or stolen district issued iPad?
Parents are responsible for the replacement cost of a lost or stolen district issued iPad. The district will work with parents who need to establish a monthly payment plan to help pay for the iPad.

How are the iPads being used in the classroom?
Students use the iPads to build words, take short assessments at the end of a lesson to see what they learned, practice their spelling words, review vocabulary, demonstrate knowledge of a skill and narrate their thinking, etc. Everything is connected to the curriculum.

When and where does my child turn in their iPad and charger when they enter third grade?
The Intermediate School will communicate with incoming third grade students on the date and location for turning in their second grade iPad.

What do I do with my child’s iPad if we are moving out of the district in first grade or second grade?
You will return your child’s iPad and charger to the Elementary School office.

When will first grade students receive their iPads?
They will receive their iPads in September.