



# Back to School

2020-2021



We are excited to come back to school again. We have been learning from home since March because of the virus. We are hopeful that we can come back together again at Reece soon. We are planning to open the school on Mondays and Tuesdays. We will still learn from home on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

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There are a lot of things that will be the same when we come back. We will see the same staff welcoming us into the building with big smiles! We will go to our classrooms and see our friends and teachers.





Our schedules will include the same activities: reading, math, social studies, science, health, program areas, and earning periods. All of these activities will take place in our own classrooms to make sure everybody is safe.





There are some things that will be different when we return to school. We will practice the same safe behaviors that we do when we leave home and go to places in the community.





We will need to wash our hands often when we are at school. We will wash our hands before and after leaving our classroom, when we touch surfaces or materials, before we eat, after we use the bathroom, and before leaving school each day.

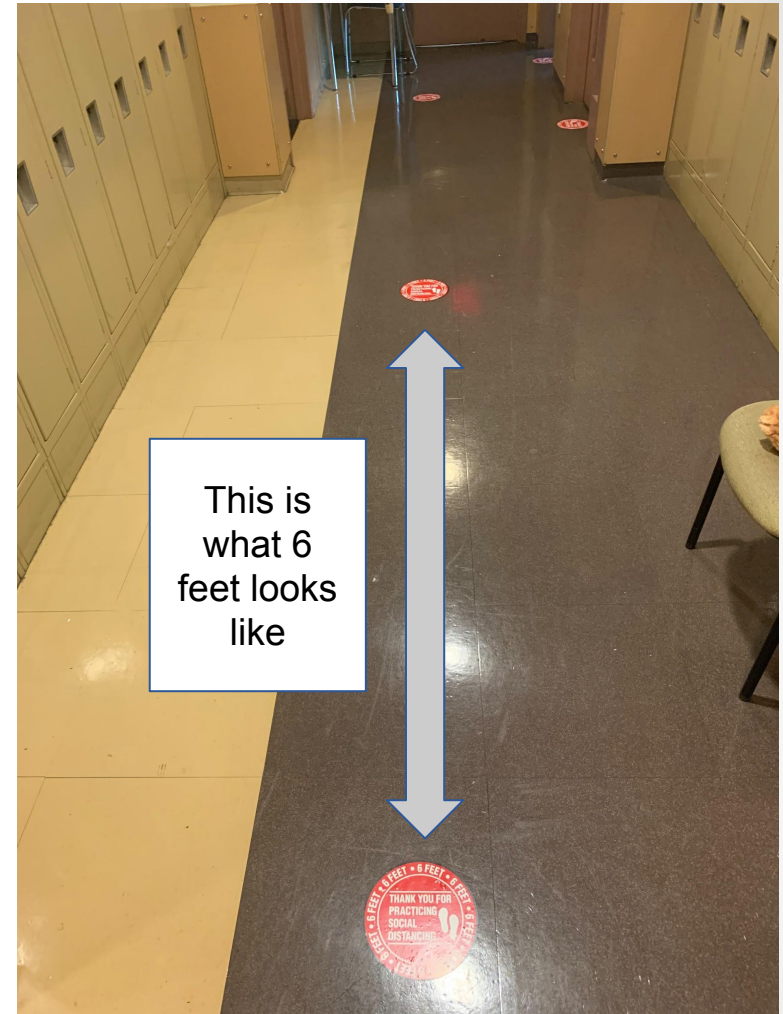


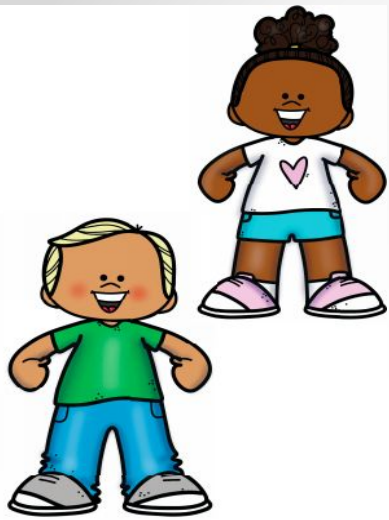


We will need to wear a mask to school and keep it on most of the day. We do not need to wear a mask when we are eating, outside, or sitting 6 feet away from other people.



We will need to practice social distancing to prevent us from spreading any germs to each other. Social distancing means staying at least 6 feet away from other people. There will be special signs in the hallways that show how far apart to stand from other people.





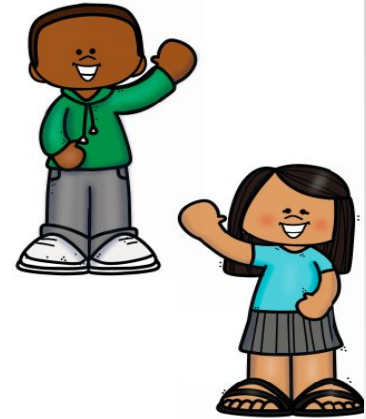
We can give air hugs.



We can wink at each other.



We can use spirit fingers.



We can wave at each other from a distance.



We can do a foot bump.



Or we can do an elbow bump.

We will need to practice different ways of saying hello. Instead of high 5's and hugs, we will need to find fun ways to say hello.





We can stay 6 feet apart by going directly to our classrooms when we arrive at school. Instead of using our lockers, we will keep our belongings in our backpacks at our desks in the classroom. This will help us stay safe because we cannot have too many people in the hallway at the same time.





We will need to be careful and stay 6 feet apart when we go in and out of our classrooms, like when we go to the bathroom, speech, OT, PT, and counseling. We will not be able to take breaks in the hallway unless we have chosen a safe schedule and space with our counselor or teacher.





Our classrooms will look a little different. Our desks will be 6 feet apart and facing one direction. We will not be able to move our desks close to each other for small group work. We will have tape around our desks to show our area.





At school we will still be learning with our teachers and classmates on Zoom. We might be in a different classroom and have a different teacher in the building who will be there to help us stay focused on our Zoom class. We will need to remember to bring our computers with us every day to school and charge them each night so they are ready for the next day.



We will stay in our rooms for most program areas unless we are going outside with our group. We will not switch classes for math or ELA. This will keep us safe because we want to be around less people right now to avoid spreading germs.





When we get to school in the morning, arrival will be different. We will walk through a scanner that takes everyone's temperature. We will need to walk carefully and stay six feet apart from other students and staff in the hallway. It may take a little longer to get upstairs. We will have to stop a few times to give other people more space. This is important to do to keep everyone safe.





After we come back to school, we may need to go back to learning from home at different times during the year. This might happen if we are sick, someone at our school gets sick, or a lot of people in the community start to get the virus again. We will all have our own computers to take home if this happens so that we can continue to follow the same schedule. Some of our classmates may need to learn from home even when we are in school. We will be able to include them in class on the computer or SmartBoard.





Even though some things will be different, it will be so nice to be together again and see everyone. When we all work together, we can make our school safe and be back in school again!

