***ZOOM NORMS:***

**For families:**

Reduce background noise as much as possible.  If possible, we ask that parents turn off televisions, or significantly lower volume of televisions, when a Zoom lesson (for any subject) with their child is planned since the technology is very sensitive to background audio.  Also, if possible, we ask that conversations (including phone conversations)  take place away from where the child is doing/her zoom lesson.

We fully understand that parents work from home, that space in the home does not allow for ideal conditions, etc.   However, if these factors can be controlled, it would optimize the learning of the students.

Also, we ask that students begin logging into zoom 10 minutes prior to their appointed class time if possible. For instance, if the child’s appointed Zoom time for class is 9:00, we ask that s/he log in at 8:50. The child will be put in the waiting room if early, and then the teacher will let your child in when class starts. This allows you to troubleshoot and contact a teacher if there is a problem. (We understand that in some situations, if a child has back-to-back classes, an early login is not possible.)

Lastly, students who are more than 10 minutes late will be locked out of the Zoom session. So kindly ensure that your child is punctual!

**For kids:**

* Position your technology (computer, tablet, or phone) so that it does not move and your face is centered on the screen. This may require you to prop up your device against a book, pillow, etc. (especially if you are using a tablet or phone)
* Also, if you have control over background noise (TV, music) then turn it off.
* No other devices should be used during a Zoom session (iPods, phones, etc.)
* Any chat messages should be school appropriate.