Good evening this message is from Brook Castillo, principal of McIlvaine Early Childhood Center.

First, if you are receiving this call it is because you have registered your child for kindergarten for the 2020-2021 school year. If you would like to receive the call on a number different than this please call the school at 302-335-5039 Monday through Friday between 8am and 4pm to give us a different home phone number. Second, if you need a second number added to the list, such as in the case of a split family please call the main office to add the second phone number.

Second, I apologize for the length of this evening phone call but there is a lot information to share with you. Please feel free to visit McIlvaine’s website at www.crk12.org/mecc and click on the School Messenger call link on the left to read the text of this evening message.

School for your child will begin on Tuesday, September 8th in remote learning. Remote learning means that your child will attend classes online through the Zoom platform. This remote instruction will continue for the first 6 weeks of the school year until October 19th. Beginning on October 19th we will start hybrid instruction. During hybrid instruction your child will attend in person classes some days and remote instruction the remaining days of the week. However, if you choose, your child may remain at home and receive remote instruction 5 days per week.

In order to plan for our hybrid instruction we will need families to let us know of their choice for either hybrid instruction or remote instruction by Monday, August 24 by 4pm. You can find this survey on McIlvaine’s webpage as well as the CR District Webpage. The CR district webpage is www.crk12.org.

We know that remote learning can be a challenge for families in terms of technology devices as well as internet access. All students in the Caesar Rodney School District will receive a chrome book for their remote learning instruction. The chrome book is on loan to your child for the entire school year and it is required that your child use the device assigned to them for security and network reasons. The device is on loan for a $20 insurance charge for the school year. We will share a distribution schedule with parents tomorrow. Additionally, if you do not have access to internet whether through hardship or your geographic location please call McIlvaine 302-335-5039 so we can help you with this.

I know many of you have reached out to the school asking about school supply lists and finding out your child’s teacher. Teachers will begin making calls to families as early as next week and we will share a school supply list with families shortly. The list has items needed for remote learning and items needed for hybrid learning. The items needed for hybrid learning will be kept at the school and will only be used by your child. We also have optional items listed, these are a nice to have not a must have.

Please check out our website at www.crk12.org/mecc and follow us on social media. You can find us on Instagram at: principalmecc facebook at: principalmecc and twitter at: McIlvaineECC. Throughout the school year we will keep you updated with important information through school messenger calls, social media, and website updates.

I appreciate your patience as we begin sharing information about the upcoming school year. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions that you have!

Thank you for listening and have a great evening!