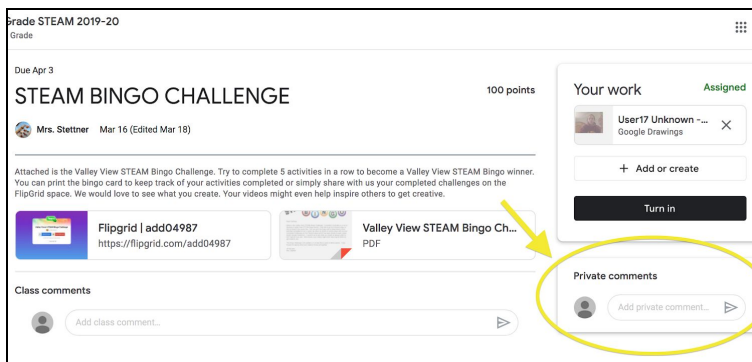


Dear Students and Parents,

The Special Area teachers wanted to refine our use of Google Classroom and our expectations for our remote learning experience. We are hoping that these adjustments will help in reducing the amount of notifications going out to our students so that all information coming your way is relevant and pertains specifically to you.

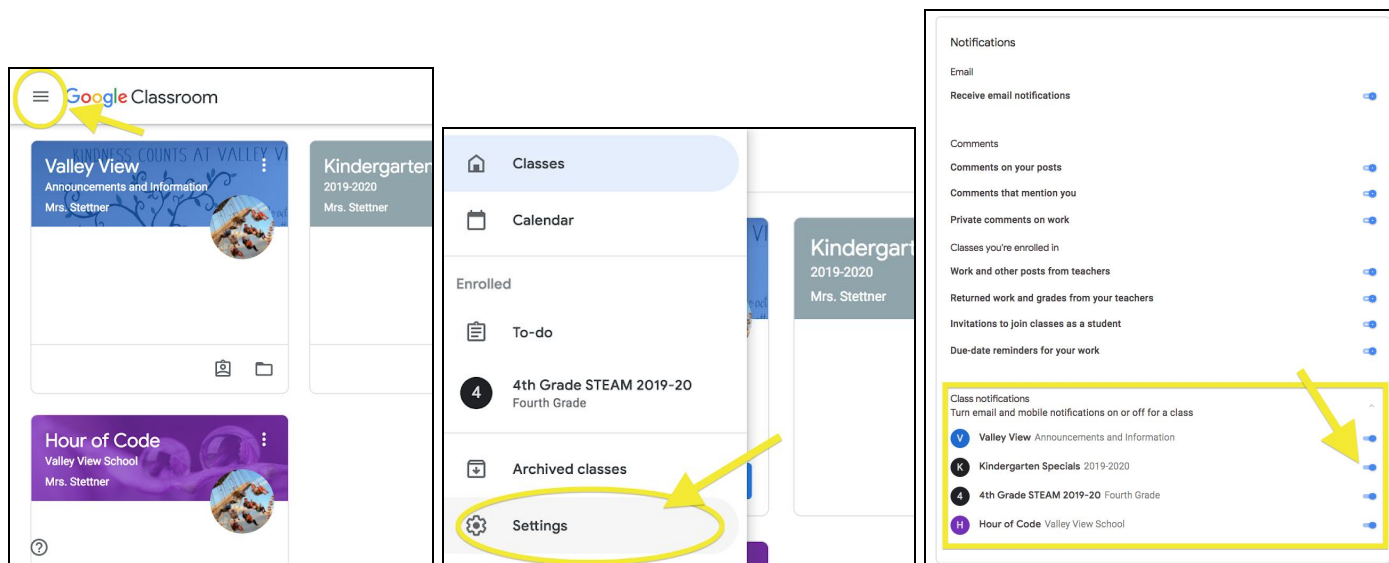
Beginning this week, special area teachers will create an assignment for the week with one set due date. You will have the entire week to complete the assignment at your convenience though we suggest keeping within your typical special schedule for the week. We will be posting all assignments in the classwork tab under our specific special area. If needed, we will make a general announcement to the whole grade via the Classroom Stream. Please complete each assignment by its due date. If no due date is listed, then the assignment is open and you may complete it at any time, and in any order while we are remote learning.



It may also be helpful to utilize the private message section of your assignment when possible so that it does not send notifications to the entire grade level.

Additionally, Some teachers are using Flipgrid as a means for sharing. Please be aware that if you post to an assignment's Flipgrid, your video may not show immediately as most are moderated by the teacher and will need approval before posting.

Lastly, we wanted to make everyone aware that you can turn off email notifications for a specific Google Classroom if you so choose. We are not sure how many of our families are relying on the email notifications from Classroom, but we wanted to make sure that you knew this feature could be turned off if needed. If you wish to turn off emails for a particular classroom, please remember to check that classroom often to see what is posted. Email notifications for Google Classroom can be found in the settings tab of Google Classroom.



We hope that these adjustments will help in creating a smoother line of communication when getting information from your special area teachers. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,  
Your Special Area Classroom Teachers