

Distance Learning Update

March 13, 2020

We want to thank everyone for their efforts today as we tried out Distance Learning. Our children did a wonderful job checking for assignments and completing work, we are very proud of them! Thank you to the parents for their patience and support during this time. Based on our first-day experience, here are a few clarifications on expectations for the upcoming weeks.

The log sheets are being used for all grade levels and should be submitted to teachers on Fridays at 5 pm. For grades 4 and up these will help the students monitor their time on task and manage their time. It is also a way to help them have accountability for their work.

We do not want our students to work full days without breaks, exercise, and down time. Here are our guidelines for total work time during a day:

Grades 6-8	4-6 hours
Grades 3-5	3-5 hours
Grades Pre-K - 2	2-4 hours

These are not intended to be consecutive hours, nor are they expected to be all screen time. Students should be taking breaks for snacks, lunch, physical movement, and some relaxing. Family time is important during this time as well; maybe even a board game with siblings or caregivers, or some outdoor playtime.

Most assignments are intended to be done within the day assigned (exception long term projects); not necessarily by 3 pm, but before the next school day. If your child is experiencing any difficulties, they should reach out to the teacher.

Realize that children will miss their friends; perhaps a break to call, facetime, or video chat with a classmate or two just to check-in to see how they are doing.

Teachers are having daily meetings and video conferences to discuss grading and turning in work. We are looking for a balance of items being turned in via Google Classrooms (for older students) and for online assessments and work that can be completed for teachers to review and grade.

Assignments will be posted on Google Classroom and/or emailed to students/parents by 8:00 am each school day.

If you are experiencing any problems with logins, contact your teacher. If they cannot solve it right away, they will seek assistance and then send you a solution. Please understand that some technical difficulties may take time to resolve, especially if we need to contact a vendor or third party tech person. Teachers will respond as soon as possible with a solution or to let you know when the problem might be resolved and provide an alternative until a solution is found.