

Welcome Back to School! Distance Learning

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Dear Families,

The First day of our new distance learning journey starts tomorrow! I want to make sure you all are ready and feeling confident in what to do. First and foremost, I hope you are all staying healthy and are in good spirits with the current times we are facing. Please stay home and keep washing those hands. Please keep in mind that even though continued learning is the goal in all of this, it is important to remember to just do the best you can with the activities/lessons and do not stress about anything. We are here to help you with anything you need.

As far as schoolwork, there are two possible methods of instruction. You should have a received a technology survey from your classroom teacher that allowed you to indicate whether you required paper copies of lessons or that you were going to access the lessons online. If you are a paper packet family those packets will be ready and waiting for you each Monday during curbside lunch service from 11-12:30. Inside those packets you will find lots of activities in each subject area to keep your kiddos learning and engaged. Set aside a place and time for your kiddos to work on a little bit each day. The time recommendations for school work each day start at 45 minutes per day for our youngest students and reach one hour and forty five minutes for older students. It is important that we try to follow those time recommendations so that our kiddos don't get overloaded and frustrated. If at any point you are getting pushback or frustration from them please take a break and come back to it later. You can always email your homeroom teacher with specific questions about a lesson. If you are planning to access your lessons online the first thing students will need to do is turn on their notifications for Seesaw and make sure they are logged into those and ClassLink. The weekly lesson plans can be found each Monday morning on the district webpage, putnamcityschools.org and they are organized by grade level and subject area. These activities do not all have to be completed at once. It is suggested to choose a few activities per day within each subject. Remember to go by the time recommendations stated above and try not to over do it. The goal here is not perfection just lack of regression. From there, any other activities you do are going to come directly from your classroom teacher so make sure you are communicating with them and reviewing notifications and instructions in SeeSaw. These activities may include reading eggs, epic, reflex math, Study Island, NoRedInk, Freckle, DreamScape, Showbie, PEAK enrichment activities, etc.. Most of these can be accessed directly from your students class link account and are a great way to keep them learning yet working independently so you can things done as well.

To facilitate communication, teachers will reach out weekly and check in with you. It is very important that they have your most up to date contact information. Please let me know if you and your student's teacher are having a hard time making contact and I will help any way that I can. Mrs. Abrams and myself along with Mrs. Derryberry will be available to address questions/concerns that may have come up for you that week. Please feel free to email us at anytime. If you need something between teacher contacts, feel free to send a personal Seesaw message to your child's homeroom teacher. We want you to remember we are here for you in any way you may need. Parents/guardians, please remember to keep a close look on your email/JLD PTO facebook page for important messages coming home from administration and the PTO. I know we have missed a lot of fun things and it makes me very sad as well. I have a High School Senior at home and I feel your pain. Each year is special and with each year comes a lot of special memories. I cannot wait until we are all back together again so that we can make new memories.

Please see the checklists on the next page to make sure you and your child are ready for our distance learning starting tomorrow. Remember, our number one concern is your well-being and health. Stay calm and don't stress. Take care of your family while we all navigate this new normal. Do not put pressure on your self to be perfect. Don't forget we are here to answer any and all questions you have. Take care and just do your best!

Much love to all,

Mrs. White

Parent Checklist

Set up a quiet place for students to complete their classwork each day.

Set a schedule for students to complete classwork each day but be flexible.

Paper Packet- pick up paper work each Monday during curbside lunch service 11- 12:30.

Digital -Check your email daily for possible messages from the district/administration/PTO and check website every monday morning for weekly lessons

- ⇒ Turn on the Seesaw Parent notifications on your device as this is our primary mode of communication with you
- ⇒ Expect homeroom teachers to check in with you weekly

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