

Dear Parents,

As you are well aware, Columbus County has made the decision to transition to virtual learning to ensure the health and safety of all members of the community. The good news is, we are prepared to carry on instruction through a virtual learning experience for your fourth and fifth grade child!

Given that this is a new method of instructional delivery for everyone, it is important to be mindful and **PATIENT** with the learning curve as we all navigate this new method. We understand that there will be challenges with access to devices and your own availability to help support your child in this learning environment. The information below will provide an outline of how we plan to deliver flexible instruction. There may be things we TRY over the course of the next few weeks! If it doesn't work for our situation we will switch it up! Just keep in mind that we will be flexible and work with each individual case. We are more than willing to help in any way but communication is **VITAL** during this time. Please contact us by:

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School webpages: www.columbus.k12.nc.us -Click on Schools -Click on Guideway -Click on Class

Message on Google Classroom: -Students login to Google Accounts and go to Classrooms

Students will be required to complete the assignments that we have prepared and laid out. We will be checking and grading the assignments for completion. In the event that a student does NOT have access to the internet we will accomodate the needs by providing hard copies of the material that is assigned. We are currently creating plans for one week, 5 school days. Once we know more about our schedule we will keep you posted through our school websites and Google Classroom.

1) Every day there will be a check-in point offered in order to take attendance and hold students accountable for completing work. We will post a "Question of the Day" in Google Classroom and students have to respond with a comment to this Question of the Day.

2) A layout for each day and subject areas will be given with specific directions and links for the students to complete the work.

3) If you have access to the internet, digital content will be required while we are out. We will provide a Daily Recording Sheet so you can document what you have spent your time doing. We will also be running reports from these sites to keep daily updates on your progress. We are recommending that you spend 30 minutes on Reading and 30 minutes on Math, with a total of 1 hour everyday.

4) A suggested daily schedule will be provided. The perks of virtual learning is that you can make up your own schedule. Do what works for you and your family!

In addition to the academics that will be delivered throughout the day, please be mindful of scheduling active “recess” time and stretch breaks for your child. At school, recess is 30 minutes of active play. When your child takes his or her recess break, please encourage movement and activity (outside if possible). This movement is essential in order for your child to sustain his or her learning stamina. It’s also important they are getting fresh air! If you need some extra ideas about how to incorporate movement into your child’s “recess” time, check out www.gonoodle.com. There are a number of free videos to explore and help your child maintain physical activity throughout the day.

This virtual learning experience is possible because of your help and partnership. We are extremely grateful for your support throughout this school closure time and the ability to continue a learning experience for your child. Again, we reiterate that there will be some constraints with this learning environment given your own availability and access to devices. We encourage you to do the best that you can within reason. We are all in this experience together! Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Best wishes,
Mrs. Canady, Mr. Gore, and Mrs. Tyler