

Hello Collins Family,

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation as we transition to the online learning experience. I know that the transition has presented some challenges. It is our hope that we have been able to address many of your concerns as this is a true learning curve of all of us. Last week you received an abundance of emails and text messages regarding receiving a student laptop, how to logon to Clever Single Sign-On (SSO) daily attendance and your child's Canvas course. So now, you all set and ready to learn, right?

Well....maybe not quite. Although all of the components may be in place, there may be some areas that could make virtual learning a little more manageable. I would like to offer some tips in some of those areas. Let's get started. Although your child is learning virtually:

1) **EMBRACE STRUCTURE.** Students are used to going about the school day with a daily schedule. Create a daily schedule that mirrors a day that is spent at school. Start with getting them out of bed, getting dressed (washing face and brushing teeth), and having breakfast. Next, complete the lessons as if your child was in the classroom. This includes the following subjects-Literacy with some form of writing, Math, Science, Social Studies, and PE as assignments are given. By embracing structure you are laying a foundation of expectations for your child to follow. Don't forget to add at least two-15 minute break times for a snack and rest as well as lunch within the schedule. If not, kids will spend more time eating/video gaming and less time learning through Canvas.

2) **BE POSITIVE.** None of us were prepared for virtual learning; our lives were suddenly transformed into homeschooling without warning and with uncertainty. In order to get through this season, we will need to rely on help from each other. Begin the day and end the day with a positive message, a word of encouragement or a celebration for accomplishment for just that day. Because of the current state of situation, especially with a "Shelter in Place" order, all we really have is today to make a positive impact. Build up a bank of hugs and kisses. Little sentiments of love and concern go a long way.

3) **BE PATIENT WITH YOURSELF.** As parents we have numerous issues and concerns going through our minds, and we have questions that cannot be answered in addition to the implementation virtual learning. Please remember this, **YOU ARE NOT ALONE.** We are all trying to maintain our sanity under abnormal circumstances. Check in with loved ones and take time to do something relaxing. If you have questions about your child's class, don't be shy or afraid to contact your child's teacher for help. We are here to assist you with that part.

In addition to reaching us by our school email addresses, here are some important contacts:

Administration – Mrs. Keenan and I are always available through Class Dojo from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. You can leave a voice message at the school number 754-323-5150.


Canvas lesson questions, contact your child's teacher through Class Dojo.

Technology questions, contact Mr. Ripper at 954-417-6843.

Questions about academic accommodations or IEPs, Mrs. Murray can be reached through Class Dojo.

For counseling needs, Mrs. Casamitjana can be reached through Class Dojo.

Remember that we are in this thing together, and if you have some tips to share with other parents please forward them to me so that I can send out. We will get through this TOGETHER. Please stay healthy and safe.

With Remote Love and Kisses  ,

Dr. Tracy D. Jackson

Your Principal