

LaVilla Families:

Thank you all for your understanding and patience as we begin the transition to home-based learning. We know there are many questions right now, and we'll do our best over the next few days to answer each of them.

First, we want to give you five ways to best prepare you for school next week.

1. This is a brand new experience for everyone. We are exploring new territory together. Next week will be like our very first day of school all over again, and patience and flexibility will be our highest values as we get accustomed to new routines.
2. You should begin your new routine next Monday by going to the new Duval HomeRoom web site. This new website will be up by Sunday evening, and as soon as it is available, we will let you know. Once that website is up, you will find everything you need to become oriented to this new home-based program. If you don't have technology to access the web, make sure you have filled out the technology availability survey or call 904-348-5200 to register your needs.
3. We are here to assist you. Our virtual school hours, beginning Monday, are 8:00am-2:30pm. Teachers will post their individual "conference" times on Monday. As always, our School Counselors and Administrators will be available digitally to assist any way we can online and over the phone. I want to emphasize that while we are available digitally, we ask that you please do not come to the school for any reason because we need to keep our work environment safe for all. Call us and email us, and if we are not immediately available, we will get back to you as soon as possible
4. Please know that many of the online platforms your children will be using are ones they are already familiar with (Achieve, iReady, iCivics, etc.). This is because they've used them in class all year. They will primarily use an online app called Microsoft Teams to interact virtually with teachers and with each other. Directions on how to get to Teams will be provided on the new Duval HomeRoom website very soon.
5. Please do not stress about grades and turning in work right now. We've already extended 3rd quarter to April 8th to give students and teachers time to manage through that work.

We are excited about this new era of learning with our teachers, our students and our families. Thanks for your continued support and be on the lookout for more information soon.

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Principal

