Welcome to Thomas Jefferson Elementary!!

Ms. Buchanan’s 2nd Grade

Theme: “The Race for Space” 2020-2021
We Are Two Schools in One!!!

**Brick and Mortar**

- Students report to TJ for class
- Teachers provide instructional materials in the classroom.
- All teachers are from TJ.
- Parents drop-off school supplies and all laptops, chargers, and hotspots that were checked out last year on Monday, August 17th, from 9:00-12:00.
- Most of the safety precautions mentioned in this presentation apply to this group.

**Duval HomeRoom**

- Students take class online in Microsoft Teams.
- Parents pick-up instructional materials at TJ on Monday, August 17th, from 1:00-2:00.
- All homeroom teachers for our students are from TJ, but some classes are shared by teachers at Garden City Elementary.
Meet the Teacher

★ Hello and welcome to Ms. Buchanan’s class! I have worked at Thomas Jefferson for the past five years. I enjoy doing most hands on things.
The purpose of Duval HomeRoom is to provide a virtual option for families who have chosen not to attend the brick and mortar school at this time.

DHR students may return to the brick and mortar school at the end of any quarter (nine week period).
The DHR school day will mirror the brick and mortar school day. It will consist of academic instruction, a lunch period, and resource classes.
Parents will pick-up instructional materials at TJ on Monday, August 17th, from 1:00-2:00, at the carport. Students who enrolled by the July 31st deadline and expressed the need for hotspots will receive those as well. Students' names are on the hotspots.
Using Microsoft Teams

- Students will log into the appropriate teacher’s Team to participate in daily live lessons according to the class schedule.
- Students will have a Team classroom for:
  - Core Content Areas (ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies)
  - Art
  - Music
  - PE
  - Media
  - Related Services
- Students will also have independent work.
- Students in grades 2 will complete 30-40 minutes of independent i-Ready practice per week in reading and math
- Grades 2-5 will complete Acaletics math activities for extra practice.
How to Use Microsoft Teams

- Go to: oneview.duvalschools.org and log in with your Student Id and Password (the same ones you use to login to the computers at school).

- Once you’re logged in, you’ll want to click on the “waffle” in the upper left corner. This opens up to all of the Microsoft Apps you have available to you through DCPS. The one you’re going to need for Duval HomeRoom is Teams. Click on Teams.

- This is going to open up to the Teams that have been set up for each of your classes. The names might appear in two different ways:
  - A name your teacher gave the Team.
  - Or, the way the class is listed in Focus.

- To open up to the class, you simply click on it.
For further instructions with pictures, you should read the Student Guide for Microsoft Teams.

Extra Tips and Tricks:

- Download the Teams app on your phone and have access to all your classes there. This will also allow you to get notifications when you have a new assignment available.

- Remember, your DCPS email address is your Student ID # followed by @students.duvalschools.org (Ex. S1234567@students.duvalschools.org)

- Stay on top of your assignments and due dates by checking in daily.

- Remember, to get in contact with your teacher via email or posting a question in Teams if you have any questions or problems.
School Apps

Parents will need the following apps on phone or computer to effectively communicate throughout the year:

★ FOCUS
★ Microsoft Teams
★ Class Dojo
★ You can...

☆ Check student grades and assignments
☆ Check student attendance
☆ Register for bus transportation
Teams

★ You can...
★ Have virtual meetings with your child’s teacher

★ Students can...
★ Participate in Duval HomeRoom
You can...

✦ View posts, reminders, and photos from the teacher
✦ Communicate with the teacher
✦ See work posted by your own child

This year in second grade we will be learning from Ready Textbook both (reading and grammar skills), Writing City, Duval Reads and i-Ready computer program. We also be require that students read and log at least one book per week. All of these will be counted towards their language arts grade.
Duval Math will be used daily. Acaletics is taught as part of math instruction. This consists of daily Math Club time that exposes students to all standards, a monthly Scrimmage, and a Green Incentive celebrating growth or achievement on the monthly Scrimmage.
Science will be taught regularly and students will receive “s” or “u” on the report card.
Math homework will be given daily on Monday-Thursday and is due the next day. Details on Language Arts homework assignments will be forthcoming.
★ Students will be required to do Multiple Intelligences projects that is due in January.
Students will get a daily conduct grade. These grades will be used to determine the grade on the report card.
★ Students will have daily recess.
★ Art, Music, PE and Media

☆ Will be taught daily. Students are expected to log into these classes at the assigned time.
Students will participate in daily and monthly wellness programs:

- Calm Classroom
- Sanford Harmony
- Wellness Wednesday
Communication

★ This year I will be using the ClassDojo App. It will be the fastest way to communicate with me as my responses will be more immediate during school hours. I will send further instruction on how to get started.

★ You may also leave a Voicemail messages and I will return the message in a timely manner.

★ All conferences will be online through TEAMS.
PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

- Seeks to strengthen the connection between school and home
- Contributes to positive school climate by providing incentives for students, teachers, and staff
- Recruits business partners that offer resources to our school
- Allows parents, teachers, and staff to collaborate on ideas for school improvement
- Serves as an organized body of volunteers for school functions
- PTA dues are $5.00 per person
- Virtual meeting dates will be announced soon
We would love to have one parent representative per class. SAC is the “behind the scenes” work of school instructional improvement. We value and need parent input. Our first meeting will be virtual and the date will be announced soon.

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Thank you for joining us in “The Race for Space”!

Have a wonderful year at TJ!