Welcome to Thomas Jefferson Elementary School

Ms. Galyan’s 4th Grade Class

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

**Brick and Mortar**
- Students report to TJ for class *(Room 6—can’t wait)*
- 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 17**th, 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 17**th, 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.
Ms. Angie Galyan (Ms. G)

In education for over 28 years

I have 2 beautiful grown daughters and 1 amazing grandson who is starting at TJ in K this year. 😊 (TJ is awesome!)

Semi-finalist for Duval Teacher of the Year 2010

Philosophy: I love education/teaching! I can’t imagine life without kids being in it. They make me happy. I take the responsibility of ensuring high academic growth for each student VERY seriously. I also create a positive (yet accountable) “family” environment. The students will learn academic subjects, as well as character and social/emotional skills. It is my goal to make education rigorous yet engaging. I know that you, as the parent/guardian, know your child best, so it is important to me that we work in partnership.

Hobbies: Time with family & friends; Church Activities; Reading; Cooking; Planning Classroom Transformations (themed learning events), and Community Service Projects.
We are implementing a combination of social distancing and use of face coverings to ensure safety of the students and staff.

Safety procedures for students at Thomas Jefferson (Regular Classroom)

- Daily Temperature checks (before entrance into the school)
- Wearing face coverings (Masks)
- Hand washing or sanitizing upon entering class, prior to transitions, and returning to class
- Separating student desks with shields in grades 3-5
- Individual school supplies
Students will need to wear face coverings when...

✩ Boarding the bus
✩ Entering the building
✩ Being dismissed from school
✩ In the classroom
✩ Transitioning in the hallways
✩ In the cafeteria line

There will be consequences for refusing to wear masks correctly (DCPS Code of Conduct).
The district will provide students with one face covering that will be kept at school.

- K-5 students will receive a face mask.
- K-2 students will receive a face shield.

We suggest that parents provide students with a 5-day supply to wear during the week.

- Masks must provide coverage of student’s mouth and nose.
- The district-provided mask will be kept in the classroom as a back-up.
Parents **MUST** sign into FOCUS and register their children to ride the bus.

After August 4, parents can sign back into FOCUS to see the specific bus number, bus stop, and bus time.
Parents will need the following apps on their phone and/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

*Note*: This is the same platform/program we used between March-May last year.
★ You can...

✩ View posts, reminders, and photos from the teacher (private classroom page)

✩ Communicate with the teacher (messaging)

✩ See work posted by your own child


Join with our CLASS CODE online and/or the free app: https://www.classdojo.com/invite/?c=C5VQ4ZQ
Morning Arrival Procedures

★ Students are allowed on campus no earlier than 8:00, unless they are enrolled in morning Extended Day, which begins at 7:00.
★ Parents drop off their children at the carport (not the bus loading zone) from 8:00-8:25. After that time they must drop them off at the front office.
★ Students in grades K, 1, 3, 4, and 5 will sit in the hallways in front of their classrooms, spaced apart and wearing masks. Students in grade 2 will sit in the cafeteria, spaced apart and wearing masks. Students whose classrooms are portables will sit in the hallways with their grade levels.
Temperature Checks

- **Car rider** students will have temperatures checked PRIOR to getting out of the car. Please have them sit next to a window and put on a mask prior to temperature check. If a student has a temperature of **100.4 or greater**, he/she will return home with the parent.

- **Bus rider** students will have temperatures checked as they get on/off the bus. If a student has a temperature of 100.4 or greater, he/she will be taken to the isolation room and the parent will be contacted for pick-up. It is extremely critical that parent contact information is accurate at that parents are available in case pick-up is needed.
Afternoon Carport Dismissal

★ School is dismissed at 3:00. Students may only be on campus after 3:10 if they are enrolled in an afternoon club or Extended Day. (There are no clubs or after-school activities at this time.)

★ Driving parents pick up their children from the carport only. If due to an emergency parents arrive after 3:10, they must pick them up at the front office.

★ Carport students will sit spaced as far apart as possible and will wear masks. Grades 4-5 will sit outside and grades K-3 will sit in nearby hallways.
Carport Identification

★ On the first day of school, parents will have to show identification to pick-up their children from carport. Parents should be prepared to do this until the carport staff is familiar with them. The carport staff will give parents a sign to display every day while picking up their children at carport. We ask that the parent attach the sign to a pants hanger (with two clips) and hang it on the mirror.

★ If there is a change in driver, the parent/guardian will need to provide written notification no later than 2:15 (by note, student agenda, or calling the main office). If the replacement driver is unfamiliar to the carport staff, that person will be asked to show identification. If the change in driver is not verified, the driver will be directed to the main office to resolve the issue.
**Afternoon Bus/Walker Dismissal**

★ Bus students will report to buses when they hear their bus called. They will wear masks while waiting and when boarding/riding the bus.

★ Bus students in grades K-1 will sit in the front hallway, spaced as far apart as possible, and will wear masks. Grades 2-5 will wait in their classrooms and will wear masks.

★ Walkers will be dismissed at 3:00 and will wear masks until they have left campus.
Extended Day

★ Parents may now register for Extended Day online only at www.duvalschools.org/extendedday

★ The monthly cost is still $52 for the morning and $100 for the afternoon.
Knowing How Students Go Home

★ Please communicate to the teacher how your child will go home the first day and on a regular basis. Teachers will need to tag students to identify whether they are car riders, bus riders, walkers, or Extended Day students.

★ Bus riders will have to be registered in Focus to be allowed to ride. Parents should do that immediately.

★ Kindergarten parents will complete a specific dismissal form. Kindergarten bus riders will not be left at the bus stop if no one is there to meet them after school.
Early Release Days

★ As of now, all students will participate in virtual learning on Early Release Days.*

★ Students will NOT report to the school.

*Subject to change by DCPS
**READING (ELA)**

- 25 Books per year with 50 or more pages (more info from Ms. G TBA)
- FSA will include reading portion and writing portion.
- Grades 4-5: The “Freckle” blended learning program will replace i-Ready.
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.

FSA will be taken in the spring.

The Freckle blended learning program will replace i-Ready in grades 4 and 5.
Science will focus on scientific method

Stay tuned for science fair information (Will be required)
Homework

Homework is for important practice and will affect the weekly conduct grade (daily behavior and homework). Unless otherwise noted there will be homework every night Monday-Thursday. A homework (HW) packet will be sent home on the first day (20th) and due the next Friday, August 28th. Normally, the HW packet will go home on Monday and is due on Friday of the same week.
Special Projects

★ Multiple Intelligences projects are completed in January. (We are a multiple-intelligence magnet school.)

★ Stay tuned via Class DoJo and daily planners for any other projects.
I believe every day is a brand-new day and a fresh start. Conduct grades will be given daily in student agendas/planners. Each week, the conduct grade input into FOCUS will be based on their behavior and Homework that week (average). Agendas should be checked daily for homework, info, and conduct notes from the teacher. Look for a quick video coming soon that will be posted on TEAMS about our classroom procedures and incentives, etc.
School Meals

★ All TJ students receive FREE breakfast and lunch. 😊
★ Breakfast is served in the classroom.
★ Every effort will be made to provide a socially distant lunch environment. Our class will be eating in the cafeteria at 11:15-11:45 am.
**Recess**

- Students will have daily recess.
- Classes will practice social distancing while at recess. At this time, students may only play with their own class.
- Students will not be required to wear their face coverings during this time.
- Students will be removed from the play area if safe practices are not followed.
Resource Classes

★ Art, Music, and Media will be taught in the homeroom classes.

★ PE will be taught outside or in homeroom classes (during inclement weather). Please make sure your child wears the appropriate shoes.
Students will participate in daily and monthly wellness programs:

- Calm Classroom
- Sanford Harmony
- Wellness Wednesday
Communication

★ Communication is SO important for the success of your child this year. Please make sure you are able to access Teams and Class Dojo ASAP.

★ I check my email daily on school days; however, messaging me via Class Dojo may be the fastest way to get me.

★ Students will have YELLOW take-home folders that will come home with some graded papers and school/class info on the last Friday of each month. Please sign the from inside the folder and return it empty. More timely info/forms will come home via the daily student agenda/planner. Class Dojo will also be a good place to find important information.

★ Parent conferences will be virtual and will take place in Teams (or you can choose a phone conference).

★ **Emergency Contacts:** Please list the names and numbers of any individuals you may need to rely on in the event of an emergency. We will not release students to adults not listed on the information card.

★ Email: galyana@duvalschools.org
Volunteers

Thomas Jefferson is currently unable to allow any volunteers or parents in the building to ensure the safety of our students and staff. We still love our volunteers!

★ District Screening Requirements – Please visit www.duvalschools.org and click on the Volunteer link under the Parent tab. Clearance is good for 2 years and required to attend field trips.

★ School Volunteer Orientation – Required to volunteer at TJ. It will be offered virtually this year. Details will be coming soon.
Field trips are suspended until further notice.

★ We will keep students and parents updated as we receive information from the district.

★ Younger siblings, students from other grade levels and students from other schools MAY NOT attend field trips.
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.
Thank you for joining us in “The Race for Space”!

We will have a wonderful year at TJ!