Welcome to Duval HomeRoom
with Ms. Williams

Fourth Grade
Math and Science
2020-2021
Welcome to Fourth Grade!

My name is Pam Williams. I’ll be your Duval HomeRoom math and science teacher. This is my 25th year at Thomas Jefferson Elementary! I’m looking forward to great things as we move forward with our virtual venture at TJ and Garden City Elementary.

Education is near and dear to my heart. I began my career as a first grade teacher. I’ve taught every grade from first to fourth and even served as a Reading Coach. Each time I changed grade levels, I looped with my class!

In addition to being certified in Elementary Education, I hold a Masters of Education degree in Educational Leadership. I am currently a Co-Director of Thomas Jefferson’s Extended Day Program. To add, I sponsor our school’s broadcast team, WTJE.

I’m excited to work with your family virtually. It is my goal to make each day a positive learning experience. Together, we will excel using the Duval HomeRoom platform!

Educationally yours,
Pam Williams
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.
Parents will need the following apps on phone or computer to effectively communicate throughout the year:

★ Microsoft Teams
★ FOCUS
★ Class Dojo
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.
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 access 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.
When should students be logged on to Teams?

- Plan to be in Duval HomeRoom all day, every school day from 8:30 – 3:00.
- In order to be counted present, students must attend all learning sessions.
- You will have breaks for lunch and recess daily.
Methods of Communication

★ School Email

★ Parents are welcome to email me at williamsp4@duvalschools.org. I will do my best to respond as soon as possible.

★ Class Dojo

★ Please be sure to download the app on your cell phone for special announcements and text messaging.

★ Microsoft Teams

★ We will use this program for live lessons, small group instruction, and conferences.
ClassDojo

★ You can...

✩ View posts, reminders, and photos from the teacher

✩ Communicate with the teacher

✩ If you are ready for your personal code to connect with me, please email me your cell phone number at williamsp4@duvalschool.org

Williams’ Grades

MATHEMATICS
• 50% Classwork/Homework
• 25% Unit Assessments
• 25% Attendance and Participation

A = 90% - 100%
B = 80% - 89%
C = 70% - 79%
D = 60% - 69%
F = 0% - 59%

SCIENCE
• 75% Assignments/Projects
• 25% Attendance and Participation
Williams’ Expectation of Work Ethic and Honesty

Students are expected to complete all assignments to the best of their ability independently. At times, additional guidance may be necessary and is acceptable within reason.

In this class, cheating is defined as dishonestly submitting assignments that were not independently completed and/or do not truly reflect a student’s personal level of understanding. Any speculation of cheating will result in grades of 0/F. NO EXCEPTIONS.
DUE DATES

- All assignments will have due dates.
- Most will be due during or shortly after each class session.
- Points will be deducted from late assignments.
- Assignments will be unavailable for submission after a certain time frame.
The Freckle blended learning program will replace i-Ready in grades 4 and 5.

Curriculum Materials

- Duval Math
- Acaletics
- Additional online resources
SCIENCE Tidbits

★ **Curriculum Materials**

★ Houghton Mifflin Science – Grade 4
★ Additional online resource to support science curriculum.

★ **Science Project**

★ Fourth grade students will be required to complete a science project using the Scientific Process.
★ Science projects will be assigned towards the end of the first quarter and due around the holidays.
How much homework will we have?
- As long as we take advantage of our virtual class time, homework will not be overwhelming for students.

When will we have homework?
- Assignments may be given Monday - Thursday as needed. Special projects will be given specific timelines.

When is homework due?
- Assignments are due at the beginning of class the following school day.

What if Ms. Williams doesn’t give an actual assignment?
- If no homework is assigned, students will need to study multiplication and division facts for 15-20 minutes.
Ms. Williams’ Virtual...

RULES

★ Be positive.
★ Be attentive.
★ Be respectful.
★ Be dependable.
★ Be honest.
Students are expected to be active, respectful participants at all times.

Positive communication is the expectation for all platforms.

Playful behaviors and gestures during learning time will not be tolerated.

Students should be free from all distractions during learning time.
Every child starts with an A in Conduct! Here’s how they keep the A.

- Follow the simple rules listed earlier.
- Participate in live lessons.
- Never cause distractions during live lessons.
- Complete and submit assignments on time.
Resource Classes

★ Recess –
★ Students should have at least 20 minutes of recess during the school day,

★ Art, Music, P.E. and Media
☆ Lessons will be uploaded on TEAMS.
☆ More information to come from DCPS.
Student Wellness

- Students will participate in several wellness programs throughout the school year.
  - Calm Classroom
  - Sanford Harmony
  - Wellness Wednesday
**Our Daily Schedule**

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| 8:30 – 10:50 | • HomeRoom Check In  
• Math and Science with Ms. Williams |
| 10:50 – 11:10| Recess (Ms. Williams’ Office Hour)                        |
| 11:10 – 11:40| LUNCH                                                     |
| 11:45 – 1:55 | ELA on Teams with Ms. Mattison                           |
| 1:55 – 3:00  | RESOURCE                                                 |
|              | • Monday – MUSIC on Teams                                |
|              | • Tuesday – P.E. on Teams                                |
|              | • Wednesday – Teacher P.E.                               |
|              | • Thursday – MEDIA or Computer Lab                       |
|              | • Friday – ART on Teams                                  |

**As of Tuesday, August 18th at 3:30 P.M.**
What about the simple things?

- **Restroom**
  - Use before class begins.
  - We will have a midclass restroom break daily.

- **Water**
  - Have a water bottle with you during virtual class.

- **Snack**
  - We will have time for a working snack.
  - Choose a snack and have it ready before class begins.
  - **CHOOSE HEALTHY!**
School Textbooks

- Please keep all distributed books in a safe place until your teacher instructs you to use them.
- If/When students return to Brick and Mortar, they will need to bring the books back to school with them. THEY WILL NOT GET A NEW SET OF BOOKS!
- DO NOT work in any textbook for any subject area until you are instructed to do so.
Who's your ELA teacher?

Mrs. J. Mattison

- Garden City Elementary
- 4th Grade ELA and Social Studies
- mattisonj@duvalschools.org
- Scheduled time 11:45 – 3:00 DAILY
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
SAC is the “behind the scenes” work of school instructional improvement. 
We value and need parent input.
Thank you for joining us in “The Race for Space”!

Have a wonderful school year!