Welcome to Thomas Jefferson & Garden City Elem. Duval Homeroom!!!

Mrs. McCoy (Math & Science)
Team Teacher- Mrs. Simmons (ELA/Soc. Studies)

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 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.
My name is Mrs. McCoy (Math & Science).

This is my 25th year of teaching in Duval County. Throughout my career, I’ve taught all grades, 2-5. I am currently working at Thomas Jefferson Elementary and I am excited about being a part of the Garden City elementary school family.
Meet the Teacher

★ My name is Mrs. Simmons.

★ This is my 28th year of teaching in Duval County. Throughout my career, I’ve taught all grades, 1-6. I am currently working at Garden City Elementary and I am excited about being apart of the Thomas Jefferson elementary school family. I am married and I have two adult children.
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.
“Thomas Jefferson 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.

“Garden City Parents” will pick instructional materials at GC on Wednesday, August 19th, from 9:00 -10:00 am. Through the bus loop.
DHR Daily Structure

Using Microsoft Teams

- Students will log into the appropriate teacher’s Team to participate in daily live lessons according to the class schedule and daily attendance vital. Attendance will be taken from 8:30 am - 9:00 am.

- 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 K-3 will complete 30-40 minutes of independent i-Ready practice per week in reading and math.

- Students in grades 4-5 will complete two 20-minute sessions of Freckle per week for ELA and two 20-minute sessions per week for math.

- Grades 2-5 will complete Acaletics math activities for extra practice.

- Grades 3-5 will complete Achieve 3000 reading activities.
Value the presenter, coach, or instructor's time by being punctual & prepared.

Identify and remove any barriers that might distract or prevent learning.

Reduce the noise in your background such as other individuals talking, TV, or music.

Test your microphone, audio, & lighting settings prior to the meeting.

Use "good" manners such as waiting for the appropriate time to speak.

Aim to dress appropriately at all times.

Leave the meeting at the appropriate time. If you must leave early email the teacher/presenter.
Proper DHR Etiquette cont’

Appropriate Learning Space and Attire

- Students learning space should be special and appropriate so they can concentrate and participate in class daily. Example: Maybe sit at a desk or table where there is no noise and distraction. Places such as on the couch, in bed, outside in the car, in a lounging chair, etc. are not appropriate.

- Proper attire. Students should be dressed appropriately for class daily.

Remember we want to mirror B&M as closely as possible!

“20-21…. Learning this Year is out of this world. Roll the camera…. Lights, Camera, Action!!!!”
Q: What are the expectations for student and teacher hours?
A: Your child's distance learning school day mirrors that of their actual school. Students are engaged in “live session” learning with their teachers during this time. Think of a typical school day, it just takes place at home.

Q: Will teachers track attendance?
A: Yes, we will be tracking student progress and attendance, just like normal school. Parents will be notified if students do not log into their live lesson or course.

Q: When will my student's Team be ready?
A: Duval HomeRoom classrooms will be available no later than Thursday, August 20, the first day of school. If you have a questions about your schedule, please contact your guidance counselor at your school.

Q: What happens if my child does not have technology at home? What if I have multiple children but only one computer?
A: Your school will distribute devices to all students whose parents or guardians indicated a need for a device or hotspot when they signed up for Duval HomeRoom. Check with Comcast or your cable provider to determine eligibility for free Wi-Fi.

Q: How can I check my child’s grades and attendance through Teams?
A: Overall grades and attendance will not be posted in Teams. A student’s academic record and current attendance report will remain available in the “FOCUS system”.

Q: What happens if my child “doesn’t log in or complete work?”
A: Students who have not participated in “live lessons and courses or submitted assignments will be monitored” by school administration on a regular basis. Teachers and other school staff members will attempt to contact students and families. If a student does not attend class or complete assignments, it will directly impact their attendance and recorded grades for the duration of this model.
# Learning Box Daily Materials

Students will be creating a learning box for materials

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

★ FOCUS
★ Microsoft Teams
★ Class Dojo

**Note:** Main contact and communication for us will be by email: mccoye@duvalschools / simmonsk1@duvalschools.org & Class Dojo
You can (this is key this year)...

- Check student grades and assignments
- Check student attendance
Students should join our Live Lessons in Reading daily. I will follow the gradual release model to deliver instruction. (I) will teach or model a skill, or strategy following our 5th grade standards. (WE), will practice the skill or strategy together. (YOU), Students will be asked to complete an independent activity. I will conduct Writing Lessons as well. WE will be using TOP SCORE Writing.

We are using “Freckle” this year. Freckle is taking the place of I-Ready Reading. Students will take a diagnostic assessment and be placed on a Learning Path. We will continue to use Achieve. We will also use I-Ready as an Intervention. Students are required to spend 45 minutes per week using the blended learning platform.

Students will also need to complete weekly Reading logs.
All I Do is Win, Win, Win no matter what... Let’s show up and be winners together!

- “Success is just not a feeling but it’s showing up and working hard.” By Mrs. McCoy (Math and Science)

- Take if from my nephew “Edgerrin James”
  
  NFL Football Player

- Edgerrin Tyree James is an American former professional football player who was a running back in the National Football League for 11 seasons. He played college football for the Miami Hurricanes. He was drafted by the Indianapolis Colts fourth overall in the 1999 NFL Draft. James also played for the Arizona Cardinals and Seattle Seahawks. The AP NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year in 1999, he earned four Pro Bowl selections and four All-Pro selections. James is the Colts’ all-time leader in career rushing yards, attempts, and touchdowns. James is 13th on the all-time rushing list, and a member of the 10,000 Yards rushing club. He was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame as a member of the Class of 2020. Quoted in 2004 “I want to be one of the best ever. It’s important to me........”

“I take pride in whatever I do. If you told me to clean the room up, I’d clean it up real good.” The Edge- Ej

Sorry, I am not a NFL football player. I just know them!!! No, I may not ever make it to the Hall of Fame, but I can say this: “I teach to inspire, I rush in to win, and I score many touchdowns when you are successful.... Now let’s play ball this year and take it to the Moon!!!!”
Join the winning team- show up daily to live lessons.

I do (teacher), we do (we), you do (independent work) is the way I model lessons. More is to come... This year is going to be out of this world. Students will need Math Journals for taking notes.

★ 5th graders will participate Math Acaletics 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.

★ Math and Science FSA testing with be forthcoming as up-to-date information is made available in the future.

★ The Freckle blended learning program will replace i-Ready in grades 4 and 5.
Science if based on the Florida standards.

As part of the winning team that is out of this world, I do, we do, and you do applies in Science too! Students will need Science journals for notes.

5th grade science fair projects and other projects is forthcoming as more information is given and updated.

5th grade state assessment is cumulative and contains information from grade K-5.
Multiple Intelligences projects are done in January.
* Students will have daily virtual recess.

★ Art, Music, PE, and Media

☆ Will be taught in the virtual classes.
Students will participate in daily and monthly wellness programs:

- Calm Classroom
- Sanford Harmony
- Wellness Wednesday
Communication

★ EMAIL AND CLASS DOJO.
★ I frequency check emails, and ClassDojo. Emails / Dojo texts will be returned within 24 hours.
★ Live parent conferences will take place in Teams or via a phone call.
★ Emergency Contacts – please list the names and numbers of any individuals they may need to rely on in the event of an emergency.
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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Technology Services is available to assist with any technology-related issues. Families can contact them directly at 904-348-5200. Be patient, as we often experience high call volume at the beginning of the year. You can also contact your school for assistance. “Please add this number to your call catalog.”
Thank you for joining us in “The Race for Space”!

Have a wonderful year at TJ & GC!