



It is hard to believe we have made it to Christmas break. Fifteen weeks of in person learning is an awesome achievement and something to celebrate! We have had some challenges to overcome, but due to the support and cooperation of students, parents, and teachers, we have made it. THANK YOU ALL!

On Monday, January 4th we will be moving to distance learning for the week. Our distance learning practice days as well as a variety of experiences throughout the 1st trimester have helped our staff continue to improve distance learning instruction. As always, we will continue to use this time to improve how we instruct in the future.

Below you will find our plan for distance learning for the week of January 4th.

STUDENT DAILY EXPECTATIONS

- 1) Always be on time for class.
- 2) Be prepared with all your materials.
- 3) Wear appropriate clothing (Please note that uniform or uniform shirts may help keep students focused).
- 4) Have camera **on** and microphone **off** during live instruction.
- 5) Only unmute your microphone when called on.
- 6) Actively participate.
- 7) Remain seated at a desk or a table during live instruction (no walking around, sitting on beds...)
- 8) Limit distractions during live instructions. No extra visitors (siblings, pets, stuffed animals, toys...)
- 9) If you have a different Zoom background, it must stay the same for the entire class.
- 10) When you log on to the Zoom, you must use your name – no made up or silly names.
- 11) No eating during live instruction.

PARENT DAILY EXPECTATIONS

- 1) Parents will need to help their children. The amount of assistance will depend upon your child.
- 2) Please do not provide the answers for your child.
- 3) At a minimum, we ask that you make sure your child is online when needed and that they turn in their assessments/homework.
- 4) We understand that you may be working while your student is in class. If you also need to be on a conference call or Zoom, please be aware that if your child is not muted, the entire class is also listening to your call, which may be disruptive.

DISTANCE LEARNING FOR GRADES K-2

Content Delivery Platform: Google Classroom is the primary tool for the daily learning plan including assignments, pre-recorded lessons, and other apps or sites students need to access. Passwords are in your student's take home folder.

We have had opportunities to practice using Google Classroom during our practice distance learning days in November, but your student may still need a bit of help.

Live Instruction: Students will participate in live synchronous instruction for Math and ELA each day. The students will join the Zoom meetings in smaller groups, which is a better instructional method for younger students. The Zoom links will be posted on Google Classroom, and your child's teacher will provide a scheduled time for your child.

These lessons may be recorded; however, to receive maximum educational benefit, it is critical for your child to be present for their daily live instruction via Zoom. If lessons are recorded, they will be posted after the lesson or later in the day.

Daily Schedule: A consistent routine is important for your child's learning. The teachers will have a daily schedule which will include classroom meeting times, live instruction, guidance for other subject areas, work time, lunch/recess, and break times. This will be provided to you by your child's teacher.

Other:

Specialists: Some of the specialists may be providing activities for your child to do.

Student Support: If your child receives support from Dr. Howard or Mounds View, they will continue to have scheduled time with them.

Requesting a Device: If you need device for child, please [click here](#).

ZOOM Etiquette:



MUTE YOURSELF



CAMERA ON



BE ON TIME



COME PREPARED



FIND QUIET PLACE



BE RESPECTFUL



RAISE HAND TO TALK

DISTANCE LEARNING FOR GRADES 3-8

Content Delivery Platform: Google Classroom is the primary tool for the daily learning plan including assignments, pre-recorded lessons, and other apps or sites students need to access. Passwords are in your student's planner.

We have had opportunities to practice using Google Classroom during our practice distance learning days and during school, so students should know how to get on.

Live Instruction: Students will participate in live synchronous instruction for ELA, MATH, SCIENCE, SOCIAL STUDIES, and RELIGION. The students will join the Zoom meetings. The Zoom links will be posted on Google Classroom, and your child's teacher will provide their schedule.

These lessons may be recorded; however, to receive maximum educational benefit, it is critical for your child to be present for their daily live instruction via Zoom. Any recorded live sessions will be posted after the lesson or later in the day.

Daily Schedule: A consistent routine is important for your child's learning. The teachers will have a daily schedule which will include classroom meeting times, live instruction, guidance for other subject areas, work time, lunch/recess, office hours and break times. This will be provided to you by your child's teacher.

Other:

Specialists: Some of the specialists may be providing activities or have live lessons with your students. Those will be included in your student's schedule.

Student Support: If your child receives support from Dr. Howard or Mounds View, they will continue to have scheduled time with them.

Requesting a Device: If you need device for child, please [click here](#).

ZOOM Etiquette:



MUTE YOURSELF



CAMERA ON



BE ON TIME



COME PREPARED
Follow Class Rules



FIND QUIET PLACE



BE RESPECTFUL



RAISE HAND TO TALK
ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE

- Please view our school website for more Frequently Asked Questions about distance learning: [SJB Website](#)
- Materials that your child needs for the Distance Learning Week will be sent home on Friday, December 18th. They must be returned to school on Monday, January 11th.
- If you request an iPad or a Chromebook, they will be available for pick-up after school on Friday, December 18th between 2:30p-4:30p. Devices will not be sent home on the bus.

We look forward to Christmas break and this week of distance learning. Thank you for your partnership in assisting us during this time. We could not do it without you! Please feel free to contact us with any questions at 651-622-1522.

Gratefully-

Ann and the wonderful St. John's staff