

K4 - 5 Virtual Learning: What to Expect

As we transition to a virtual learning environment, first and foremost, we hope that your family is well! During this transition, there are likely many questions about how virtual learning will go, and we would like to provide an idea of what to expect.

Lessons: Daily lessons for all grade levels/content areas/specials will be posted in Google Classroom each morning by 8:30 am. Lessons will be shared in a daily learning guide; please see this possible [example](#). The daily learning guide will provide:

- ❑ An explanation about the daily learning for each content area as well as any additional resources. Each lesson will be clearly explained.
- ❑ Video lessons may be recorded and posted in Google Classroom and/or linked into the daily learning guide.
- ❑ An estimated time frame for completing the lesson and learning activities will be noted. We have taken into account that 7 hours worth of school cannot be recreated at home. As such, the time frames that students spend on each subject have been adjusted to be manageable.
- ❑ All due dates will be clearly communicated. Since student work time will be shorter than that of a traditional school day, work assigned should be due 3 days after assignment is issued. Any long-term assignments will be communicated.
- ❑ An office hours schedule in which teachers will be available for questions and/or support will be noted at the top of the daily learning guide.
- ❑ Optional ideas for additional learning or fun around the home! All optional tasks will be marked as such.

Communication: There are many ways to get in contact with your child's teachers!

- ❑ Email is the best way to communicate with teachers outside of their scheduled office hours. As always, they will be sure to respond in a timely manner.
- ❑ Office hour times will be communicated regularly. During office hours, teachers will be available to answer questions and/or provide immediate support via Google Meet. These times will vary to accommodate different family needs and schedules.

Attendance: Daily attendance will not be taken as students will likely be working through learning at various times. That said, teachers will monitor student engagement through daily learning and assigned tasks. Feedback will be provided on all student work.

Google Classroom: All instruction, content, expectations, and resources will be shared via Google Classroom by 8:30 am each day.

Google Meet: Google Meet allows teachers to create a live digital hangout. If a teacher is scheduling a live hangout, the date and time will be communicated in advance. As we realize that everyone's schedules are different, live hangouts are not required.

Technology: If you encounter technology problems, please refer to this [troubleshooting](#) document. If your question is still not answered, please email helpdesk@whitnall.com and we will try our best to problem-solve. To help alleviate any problems with technology, we are committed to using district-approved technology platforms through Google. Any additional technology use outside of Google will be on platforms that students are already familiar with.

Etiquette: While we will be engaging in a virtual learning environment, it is important that everyone follows the same expectations that would be followed within the school building. Appropriate dress and language, as well as being respectful and responsible, still apply.

Different, Yet the Same: While we are physically distanced, socially, we are not. As always, we are here to support our students and families! Please let us know of any questions or concerns. Additionally, we would also love to hear about your successes! Our entire team is available to assist and support during this time.

We miss you all, and greatly look forward to reconnecting!