

Columbus Families!

So many Columbus families were able to get a Chromebook this week at NRHS -- and most likely you got to see our one-and-only-amazing Assistant Principal, Ms. Owens, who was there in the pouring rain and winds to make sure that everything worked out! As always, like Columbus teachers, she is dedicated to your children's learning. As we settle into the next few months of Distance Learning, let's use Ms. Owen's spirit and devotion to Columbus to take your children's learning to a new level now.

Insist that your children spend at least 3 hours a day working through Google Classroom and doing math on Dreambox. Insist that they read on RAZkids, EPIC, or any other online website that provides reading/books. Insist that they tell you about what they are learning! Have your kids explain how they solve math problems and how they choose what strategies to use in math. Insist that they tell you about science and what ideas they have about nature and energy and animals. Insist that they tell you what kind of reader they think they are -- do they love fiction, information books, fantasy, fairy tales, books about animals, books about science? Insist that they explain to you what they do when they do not understand something they have read. Do they go back a page? Do they try to figure out how one part of their book fits with the rest of the chapters?

We need you -- **Columbus parents** -- to become our teaching partners more than ever!

In the end, maybe we can use these next few months apart to grow stronger as a school learning community as we all partner in more intense ways to carry your children's learning forward.

Let's keep this moving together!

Mr. Galland