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“Where children come first and everybody is somebody”



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Dear Families,

Starting on Monday, March 23, 2020, P.S. 35 will begin Remote Learning Using Google Classroom. Please know we miss seeing the children in person each and every day. We look forward to now seeing them **virtually!** We do know there may be some technical difficulty in the beginning of launching Remote Learning and we will work through this **together.**

The school day will still begin at 8:00 am. Your child is expected to login into their Google Classroom daily to be marked present. Your child's daily and overall progress will be assessed via their submission of classwork, task/assignments, exams and their virtual interactions. Task/assignments are due by the designated due date. Task/assignments that are late will follow the late policy established by the teacher. If you have any questions or issues, please communicate with your child's teacher(s) by sending a Class Dojo message or by asking a question on Google Classroom. Teachers will still use Parent Engagement Tuesdays to contact parents regarding student progress, to offer assistance and to support best practices for student attendance.

To support Remote Learning, we encourage students to establish a routine and schedule. Students should be engaged in instruction and completing classwork from 8:00 a.m. to 2:20 p.m. each day, just as if they were attending classes at PS 35. This will help structure your child's day and help them stay focused, organized, and current with their classwork. Students should not be playing video games and getting on social media, etc., as that would not normally occur during a regular school day. If students work in the morning and early afternoon, they will also have the late afternoon and evenings free to do other activities.

It is not expected that students are on their laptops, computers and or tablets for six hours per day. Students should be logged on and fully engaged for the first 10-15 minutes of each period. It is important that students listen to the teacher's direct "Teach" and read the task/assignment directions carefully. After 10-15 minutes of direct teaching your child will have the remainder of the period (35-40 minutes) to complete the classwork and when necessary to take a break. Students should not forget to take breaks. It's good to get up and stretch. Get a bit of fresh air. However, breaks should be short and brief, and should not extend into the next period of the teacher's direct "Teach" time.

Your child's teacher will post their class schedule on Class Dojo which details five instructional periods which last for 45 minutes each, the teacher's 50-minute Prep and Lunch time. These times will remain the same each day/week. This will assist you with planning your child's instructional day and plan how you can help. Please know that you are not in this alone. You should be checking your child's teacher Google Classroom regularly for task/assignments and work. It is very similar to Social Media platforms

like Facebook or Instagram so the teacher and or paraprofessional will respond in real time. Take advantage of the teacher's prep to ask questions and get help, and email your teacher if you have questions. Your child's teacher's DOE email is posted on the school's website www.ps35q.org. Members of the school community will be checking in via phone calls and emails on a regular basis as well. **We are here to support you.**

As we transition to Remote Learning, we wanted to notify you of some common platforms being used across the school, and the different ways students will have access to learning and teachers. Below is a list of online platforms teachers will be using with students:

Platform	How to Gain Access and Use
 <p>Google Classroom</p>	<p>www.googleclassroom.com</p> <p>All teachers will have a Google Classroom where classwork, task/assignments and homework are posted.</p> <p>Google Classroom will be used as our primary platform for Remote Online Learning.</p>
 <p>Class Dojo</p>	<p>www.classdojo.com</p> <p>ClassDojo is an easy to use communication app for teachers, parents, and students. Teachers can bring parents into the classroom experience by sharing photos, videos, and announcements.</p>
 <p>DOE Email</p>	<p>@schools.nyc.gov</p> <p>Please reach out to your child's teachers using their Department of Education email. If your child receives special education services, please also reach out to your child's service providers and or paraprofessional (if applicable) via their DOE email.</p>
 <p>NYC School Accounts</p>	<p>www.myschools.nyc.gov</p> <p>Through NYC School Accounts, you can enjoy all of the benefits your child's NYC school Account provides which includes access to your child's</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Grades ▪ Test Scores ▪ Attendance ▪ Transportation Information ▪ Reading Level ▪ Health ▪ Enrollment history and much more <p>This account will allow you to receive notifications from the DOE.</p> <p>You can access the account at https://mystudent.nyc</p>

Below is a link to a short Brain Pop video on COVID-19, which you may find appropriate for students who are trying to understand the disease and the national concern around it:

<https://www.brainpop.com/health/diseasesinjuriesandconditions/coronavirus/>

This NY Times article on supporting kids during a period of remote learning offers parents creative ways to help their children navigate this new reality:

<https://parenting.nytimes.com/preschooler/coronavirus-schools-lessons>

Please feel free to contact myself or another member of the Administrative team if you have a question, comment or concern. Be safe and healthy.

In Service of Children,

Ms. Peebles-Davis, Acting Principal

