Norwood School



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"Success for Everyone, Every day!"



Dear parents/guardians and students:

To begin, please know that Norwood School is still here for you and your families. We hope you are all healthy and have been able to find some sort of routine as we begin this new chapter of at-home learning.

As we begin this new month, our teachers are excited to be able to connect with their students again and continue to move forward on their learning pathways. While our approach to teaching students will be through an at home program, our teachers are still here for you and your children.

Norwood School has developed our Learning Continuity Plan, which focuses on making sure our students are engaged in their classes, and that they continue to learn the necessary skills and knowledge to be successful in their future grade levels.

Learning at home involves planning, cooperation, goodwill and patience between teachers, students and families. Teachers will provide direction to students about what is important to learn and we are prepared to help students learn in different ways. Our primary platform will be through Google Classroom, but we will be making accommodations for students by creating take-home packages if online access is not possible.

A few key aspects of our Learning Continuity Plan that everyone needs to be aware of are:

- Division 1 (K-3) literacy and numeracy (5 hours/week)
- Division 2 (Gr 4 -6) literacy and numeracy with opportunities to incorporate science and social studies outcomes through cross-curricular learning (5 hours/week)
- Division 3 (Gr 7-8) mathematics, language/literacy, science, and social studies curricular outcomes (10 hours per week)

Teachers will be sending out information to parents and students by Monday April 6, 2020 explaining how to log on to Google Classroom. Any student who has not logged on by April 8, 2020 will receive a phone call from their teacher to set up a learning plan that meets that student's needs.

When your child starts to complete their school work at home, it is important to set up a dedicated space that will become the student's workspace. In their workspace should be all the materials and supplies they need to help complete their daily work. It is very disruptful to their learning and focus if they need to continually get up and go and find a pencil or a book etc. Please use the school supplies that you have picked up from the school to complete their school work. Their workspace should also be free from as many distractions as possible. These are just some suggestions to get you started, but please understand these are only suggestions.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to the school if you need assistance or have questions.

Wishing you health and success as we all embark on this new learning journey together.

Sincerely

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