



LUDINGTON AREA SCHOOLS

Foster Elementary School

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Dear Foster Families,

Our remote learning journey is off and running so I wanted to take a moment and share with you the expectations and support that is available for your family to ensure that we are all successful with this transition. Please know that remote learning is different from our plans in the spring. We recognize that this may not be easy for you, as you are trying to continue working while managing remote learning as well. We will be here for you and your child every step of the way.

Starting Wednesday, November 4th, your child's classroom teacher started posting lessons and instructional materials in the learning platform Canvas (The icon is pictured on the right). Your child has been accessing assignments in Canvas throughout the school year, so they should have some familiarity with it. There will also be scheduled Google Meets for your child which may include a live lesson or other learning opportunities. It is our goal to provide as close to a comparable school day as possible to continue to support your child's academic growth.



Similar to in-person attendance at school, we are required to document attendance for our students during remote learning. Attendance is documented with a minimum of two 2-way communications with your child during the weeks of remote learning. This can be done through Google Meets, emails, phone calls, instant messaging, or texts. Skipping a day of online learning is considered missing a day of school, so please make sure your child is staying up to date with their virtual meetings and assignments, but most importantly, please make sure that you are keeping consistent communication with your teachers. We promise we are not trying to bug you or hound you!

We realize that some iPads and/or other materials may have been left at school. We will continue to be in the building this week and throughout the week of November 9th. Please call to set up a time to stop by and retrieve your child's iPad or materials. When you arrive, buzz the front door and we will bring the materials to you.

Lastly, please know that we want nothing more than to be engaged in in-person instruction with your child. Our second-best option is to provide the best possible remote learning opportunities as we can. We realize we are stretching technology skills to the max. Let's face it, our students know more about the iPads than many of us adults! Give yourself grace and flexibility as you prepare to support your child. It's not the end of the world if technology fails you and you can't make it to a meeting. We just ask that you reach out to us so we may support you and your child through this process.

We look forward to seeing your child on Monday, November 16th! Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions. We are all in this together!

Respectfully,

Brian Dotson
Foster Elementary Principal