



Online & Remote Learning for K-12 Parents

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What parents need to know

- Partner with the school
 - Teachers
 - Counselors
 - Administrators
- Remote learning
 - Better?
 - The same?
 - Different!
 - Is not one-size fits all!

2020 Terms to Know

- Asynchronous
- Synchronous
- Guided Learning
- Remote Learning



7 Best ways to achieve remote learning

- Start slowly and develop good habits
- Establish a regular routine
- Don't try to emulate a “regular” school day
- Be consistent
- Choose activities outside of school time wisely
- Minimize distractions
- Collaborate with other families



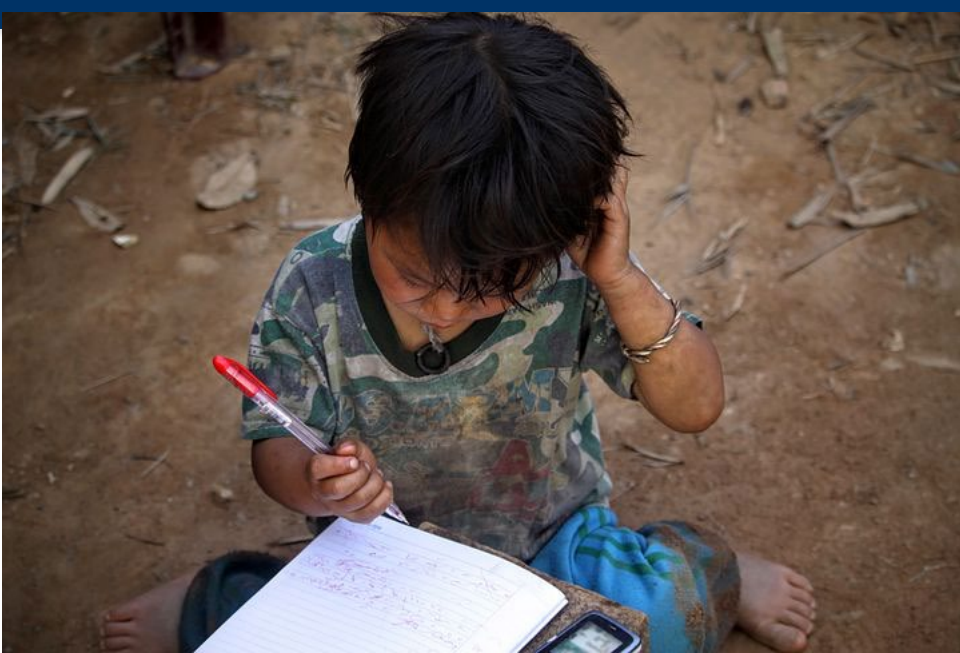
1. Start slowly and develop good habits



Read books

- Students may understand and retain more when they read books rather than screens.
- Some schools can ship books to families, or arrange for them to pick them up in person.
- Check with your local library for more books on subjects your child is interested in.





Write by hand using pen & paper

- Some young children are able to learn words better when they write them than typing them.
- Older students who take notes by hand may retain more information.
- Follow the advice of the teacher

2. Establish a regular routine



Structure and Space

- Work space in the main family area
 - Desk/table
 - Cubbies for supplies that are only used for school
- No working in the child's rooms (distractions)
- Whiteboard (poster board) Chalkboard from the kitchen with a daily schedule (around your family and Zoom sessions)
- Older kids should help build the schedule



3. Don't try to emulate a “regular” school day



Motivating your student

- Build in celebrations for projects done well.
 - Extra game time if a project is finished by a specific due date/time
 - Watch a favorite TV show at lunch time
- Motivate Learning
 - Exploring
 - Building



Engage in hands-on math lessons

- Real-world Math applications.
 - measure a room to determine the square footage.
 - how to make a double batch of a cookie recipe that calls for 1 and $\frac{3}{4}$ cups of sugar.
 - Assign older students more complex questions.



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4. Be consistent



Structure and Children

- Not all children should always be on the same schedule
- High school age may have weekly learning activities and goals instead of daily goals
- Discuss consequences for not doing the work (failed test, C on a paper)



5. Choose activities outside of school time wisely



Making learning fun

- Build in personal time.
- Time for exercise and movement
- Allow kids to find other avenues to build on lessons.



Do artwork

- If parents cannot provide supplies such as paints or paper, they can usually make arrangement to pick up other resources periodically at school.
- Use whatever is at hand, does not need to be expensive.



Science Experiments at home

- Kitchen chemistry ideas
 - <https://www.thoughtco.com/kitchen-science-experiments-for-kids-604169>
- Biology ideas
 - <https://www.woojr.com/6-easy-biology-science-experiments-kids/>
- General Science ideas
 - <https://www.pinterest.com/americanboard/6-12-general-science/>

Get outdoors

- Encourage physical movement



- Hands-on observations in nature

6. Minimize distractions



Structure and Time/Devices

- School time is school time
- No computers/phones during school time that are being used for something other than school
 - No gaming
 - No shopping
 - No visiting with friends (unless it is part of school time)



7. Collaborate with other families



Pandemic Learning Pods

Yes or No?

- <https://www.nytimes.com/article/learning-pods-coronavirus.html>
- <https://www.axios.com/coronavirus-education-pandemic-learning-pods-336fb666-5f49-4c67-b1ab-498f2f51d155.html>

More Resources for Parents

- ❑ [4 tips for teacher-family communication this school year](#)
- ❑ [Distance Learning Resource Center](#)
- ❑ [Parents' Guide to Zoom](#)
- ❑ [Remote Learning Resources for Parents](#)
- ❑ [Using Zoom for Students and Families](#)



Thank you

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