

5/6th Grade Distance Learning FAQ

Daily Emails - These are designed to deliver any current announcements, a daily verse, a snapshot of Planbook plans, and a daily pun to start the day off with a smile! This is also done to accommodate for those who don't have a reliable internet connection to Planbook and would like a quick look. Parents AND Students receive these emails.

Planbook - This is where students should be going everyday to see what they have on task for that day, just like we did during regular school instruction. In terms of working ahead, that is fine to do if you choose, but I do ask that you **not** submit assignments **until the day they are due**. Due to the overall change of classroom procedures and various methods of submission, it is more difficult to keep track of what has come in and what hasn't.

Online Resources/Videos - Any online resources and videos that are listed in Planbook are there for supplemental purposes. Students are encouraged to view the videos if they are capable, but it is not required. I may post a Loom (it's different than a Zoom, I know...it's confusing even for me sometimes) video of me instructing a topic that might need a little more explanation.

Assignment Submission - Assignments will be assigned in Planbook and can be submitted in two ways: Google Classroom assignments are submitted via Google Classroom OR worksheets will be submitted as a picture sent in an Email with the *worksheet page number as the subject of the Email*. Given the survey information I received, everyone should be able to submit assignments in at least one or both of these methods.

Assignments - We are still in school and therefore, students should be completing and submitting assignments. It is important to keep in mind that what we accomplish and practice now, will impact what students are capable of doing come this next school year. If we take a 6 month Summer break, the ramifications come Fall could be very hard to overcome.

Google Classroom - Some items are going to be assigned in Google Classroom, of which will be listed in Planbook (Go to Planbook first). Students will need to log in to their Google account, access the assignments in the appropriate subjects, complete the assignment, and then use the turn in option from Google Classroom. This is the same process that we have done at school in the past.

Gradelink - Gradelink is updated as usual, but may be delayed slightly because of the various submission methods. If you get a notification that your child has a missing assignment, please ensure that it was successfully submitted prior to contacting me.

Email - All students have access to their school issued Gmail accounts. These accounts end with the domain name *@trinitylutheran-rc.org*. They can access them through www.gmail.com using their regular Chromebook log-in credentials from school. Students can do all of the submitting themselves as long as they have access to the computer, internet, and a camera. Parents can submit items for their child if they need to or want to, but students should be capable of doing this independently to relieve some extra obligations of the parents.

Zoom - I may attempt some Zoom sessions later on. In the meantime, it would be beneficial if you were able to create a Zoom account and access/familiarize yourself with the Zoom website and software. This will be an option for everyone who can access it, but is not required. Any Zoom interactions will be scheduled well in advance so that everyone can plan accordingly if necessary.

Curriculum - I am looking at covering/meeting standards alignment and timing to do the best that we can given the circumstances. My goal is still to only assign appropriate amounts of work for students to handle independently or with minimal parental involvement. Here are the subjects broken down:

Math - My plan is to focus on Math through April. We should be able to complete our curriculum textbooks by late April! YAY!!!

Social Studies/Science - We will focus more on Social Studies and Science following the completion of Math

Art - I may be throwing in some Art projects that are capable of being performed at home.

Vocabulary - I am still contemplating how I will tackle Vocabulary, but in the meantime, continue to work through those books at your leisure.

Religion/English - These will be addressed in May if at all.

READ - Read, read, read! Take AR Tests, ensure that your March Whitecaps Calendar is filled out, but DON'T throw it away! Reading is critical now more than ever! Schedule into the day some reading time.

Me...Mr. Keup - I am still your teacher and am still here to help in any way that I possibly can. Email, Remind text, video chat, snail mail, or a phone call are all viable methods of communicating questions, concerns, prayer requests, joys, successes, and FUNNY STUFF with me. I do my best to respond as quickly to any and all as I receive notifications. I am also adjusting to life at home, as is my family, and we are trying to schedule our days as best we can to accommodate my responsibilities for school and home.