

Beard Family Letter: Communicating Remote Learning Plan to Parents

Dear Beard Parents and Families,

We hope this finds you and your loved ones safe and healthy. Although this is a time of uncertainty, we are committed to providing high-quality learning experiences for all of our students at Beard. We are writing today to share our plan to support your child's remote learning while school is closed until April 30.

Your partnership, feedback, and collaboration are critically important to support your child's engagement in remote learning. Please take a few moments to read below for information about our plan, expectations for your child, and the ongoing communications and assistance we will provide to keep students engaged, learning, and healthy while schools are closed.

What is Beard's plan to provide remote learning for my student during the closure?

Our teachers will provide their students daily learning activities and will be available for at least four hours every day to keep students connected and engaged until school re-opens. Your child will also receive regular communication and feedback from their assigned teacher on learning activities. Please view our schools ES Remote Learning Plan : For Families [Beard School Remote Learning Plan: For Families](#) and / or the Beard School website at <https://www.beard.cps.edu/> to get access to your child's remote learning plans and teachers daily availability.

What are the school's expectations for my child while learning at home?

During this time, the focus is to encourage students to stay engaged in academic activities and to reinforce learning on a daily basis. Routine, encouragement, and aligned expectations between families and teachers are important factors of academic engagement in your home learning environment. The expectation is that students in Prek to 3rd grade engage in meaningful and developmentally appropriate activities for the following minimum amounts of time: Preschool is 60 minutes, K through 2nd grade is 90 minutes and 3rd grade is 120 minutes daily. Each parent will be invited to your child's remote learning platform through a link called SEESAW. To log into SEESAW, please click the following link: <https://app.seesaw.me/#/login>. Your child's teacher will send you a code to create your child's account or send an invite through your phone number. This will give you access to your child's daily learning activities from all of their teachers and program providers. Students will be engaged and receive feedback from their teachers on this platform.

How do I access the plan and materials?

Our remote learning plan will be posted to our school website <https://www.beard.cps.edu> and will be available **starting April 13th**. Please contact your child's teacher to let her/him know that you will need printed out activities for lack of technology access. Your child's teachers will let the building's administration know to make materials available at the school. Materials will be made available outside for pick up at door #1 between the hours of 10:00-11:00am on the day scheduled by your child's teacher.

What communications and guidance can my child and I expect?

Families will receive ongoing school-wide communications as well as a regular schedule for communication and feedback between your child and their teacher(s). This information can be found through [Beard School Remote Learning Plan: For Families](#) or through Class Dojo login page - <https://www.classdojo.com/>. Parents will also

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continue to get updates from the principal through your emails. Emails will be coming from mmlukic@cps.edu.

Thank you for going above and beyond to support your child during this difficult time. Please continue taking care of each other and yourselves as we face this health crisis together. We know there are many unknowns ahead of us, but we will do whatever it takes to keep our school community safe, healthy, and engaged during this time. Please do not hesitate to reach me at mmlukic@cps.edu for any support you may need. Thank you.

Stay Healthy,

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Principal of Beard School