

Questions to Ask Your Child's Teacher...Right from the Start

Given all the changes this school year, your partnership with teachers will be key! Here is a list of sample questions to ask the teacher so that you know how to help your child at home.



OVERALL LEARNING GOALS

- How will you know where my child needs more help, especially given school closures last year?
 - » *How will I have access to that information?*
- What are the most important skills my child needs to master in the first few weeks of school?
- How can I support developing those skills at home?
- What's the best way for us to be in touch and how often should we connect to make sure my child is on track? (Also, share how and when it is best to reach you!).

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CHANGES DUE TO COVID-19 SCHOOL CLOSURES & MODELS

- What is the starting point this year? How will you be teaching any unfinished learning from last year? Or will you be starting in the new grade level?
 - » *How will you personalize instruction for my child if they need more review?*
- What's the plan for school work done at home, such as during remote days? For example...
 - » *How will I know what my child's assignments are and when they are due (will the information only be in the portal)? Will there be a weekly communication that allows us to plan for the week?*
 - » *Does "classwork" done at home need to be turned in on the day it is assigned, similar to when students are in school?*

- What accommodations are being made for technical difficulties? For example, if our internet is not working or a computer isn't available, can we reach out and get an extension on work?

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GRADES/CREDIT

- How will you be grading work done at home vs. work done at school?
 - » *How will I know my child is getting credit for the work we do at home?*
- Aside from grades, what other measures should I be looking for to know how my child is progressing?

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SOCIAL INTERACTIONS & LIFE SKILLS

- How will you build in social interactions between students during remote learning?
 - » *For example, group virtual projects/chats, morning meetings or circle time?*
- How will social and emotional skills (life skills) be supported overall?
 - » *What other resources do you recommend to support life skills?*
 - » *If in-person after school programming is cancelled, where else can I get help for my child?*

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