

Good evening GMS families,

I wanted to share some expectations/information of the upcoming Remote Learning days that start next Monday. All assignments, tasks and information for your student's classes will be accessed through Canvas. All students should be very familiar with logging onto Canvas. We understand that these upcoming weeks will be new to you, your student as well as the GMS staff. We ask for your continued patience and understanding.

This unique situation will look different for every family. Students should log onto Canvas on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays to look for assignments and any class updates. Students are NOT expected to be online from 8am - 3pm on those days. I would suggest that students get into a routine on Remote Learning days. For example, log onto Canvas each of those days at the same time, if possible by 9am. Students will be able to communicate with teachers via Canvas.

Assignments will range from practice work, quizzes, tests, videos, tutorials and suggested tasks. For example, your child may need to work on a math standard on iReady (don't panic, your child will know how to do this). They may also be asked to do some type of exercise for PE and then let their PE teacher know when they did it. Once again, we are all working through this together. We will become more comfortable with the mechanics and processes over time.

As we begin on this journey, more information and updates will be shared with you on a regular basis. Please don't hesitate to contact me.

Finally, here are some great opportunities for students provided by our IMC for the month of April.

IMC Announcement:

Be sure to check out the GMS IMC Canvas page to see all of the virtual activities the GMS media center has planned for students and staff to enjoy the month of April! The IMC will have virtual author visits, public library chats, and the "Donut" Stop Reading challenge as well as other resources available. Information regarding the virtual visit activities may also be accessed at the following Google Link or on Media Center Social Media sites to see what is being offered the month of April:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1C6j8hz788QDQ4xA755VvyByFRBZNkTxJti9oVJm8XVM/edit?usp=sharing>. These meetings/ events are NOT mandatory, but are just to add a bit of bookish fun to April! On another program note....students can now access the AR Program from 7AM - 7PM EVERY day of the week for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year. Keep Reading, Stay Sharp, and Feed Your Mind!