

RBS DIGITAL DISTANCE LEARNING

DIGITAL CHALK TALK NO. 1

LET THE LEARNING, AT HOME, BEGIN!

Dear Rock Brook Families,

We are only in the first day of Governor Murphy's school closing order, but we miss you already! A series of these *Digital Chalk Talks* will be coming your way over the next few days and weeks. We hope you find them helpful as we begin learning from a distance.

As indicated in yesterday's *RBS Coronavirus Update 4*, Google Classroom is the platform we are utilizing to support our Digital Distance Learning Plan (DDLDP). In addition to the video links that were sent out yesterday, this letter includes an introductory lesson in utilizing the Google Classroom platform, and accessing Google Calendar to join Google Meet invitations. Please refer to this letter to assist you in accessing the Digital Distance Learning daily assignments and live chats/lessons.

You will receive an email from your classroom teacher containing your child's Google login no later than noon tomorrow (Wednesday, March 18). You may also receive additional usernames and passwords needed to access other digital subscriptions. Some teachers may choose to make these additional passwords available at a later date.

As a first step, the focus will be on making sure that all families are able to access their child's Google Classrooms. This is where you will find communication and information from your child's team. You may see assignments, materials, websites, worksheets, videos, etc.

If your child can sign in independently they should be encouraged to do so. For our students that are still developing this skill, it would be best for parents to login to avoid anyone getting locked out of their account.

Once you are in your child's Google Classroom, you will be able to access your child's Google Calendar. Google Calendar is where you will find Google Meet invitations sent out by your child's team. Google Meet is the live video chat/lesson tool.

It is most important to keep in mind that the DDLP will be implemented gradually to ensure that everyone is comfortable and can access student lessons and activities as appropriate. We hope you will find the following steps and images helpful as you begin working. As always, your child's team will continue to be available via email.

The link below will take you through the steps to access your child's Google Classroom and Calendar. Please click below:


[Google Classroom Steps for Access.pdf](#)

Best wishes as we begin this journey together! **Digital Chalk Talk No. 2** will be coming soon!

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