

RBS DIGITAL DISTANCE LEARNING

DIGITAL CHALK TALK NO. 2

HOPING YOU'RE OFF TO A GREAT START!

Dear Rock Brook Families,

Welcome to the 2nd issue of our Digital Chalk Talk! Before diving right into tech related DDLP information, we wanted to keep you in the loop on Coronavirus information we learn from our local community. Since Rock Brook is located within Montgomery Township, we will occasionally provide you with updates from the Township Committee or the Department of Health. Please click below for a recent township update:

[Update from Montgomery Township Health Department](#)

DDLP Update:

We thank you for your patience and support as we work together to navigate these challenging times and begin to work and learn differently. As we indicated in our first Digital Chalk Talk, our desire is to implement our DDLP gradually so that families are able to ease their way into this new format for learning. By now, everyone should have had some form of communication from your child's team and hopefully you have been able to access the "Classroom" and see all the various ways this learning platform will be helpful in continuing your child's learning from home.

While it may feel overwhelming at times in regard to the number of lessons, activities and meetings coming your way, please know that our staff is simply striving to supply you with as many "options" as possible while students are home. Please reach out via email to your child's teacher or therapist if you have questions or concerns. Our RBS Leadership team is also available via email, so don't hesitate in reaching out to Principal Katie Hardgrove, Curriculum Supervisor Cheryl Ferrigno, Tech Coordinator Maggie Deeds or me at any time.

In addition to specifically scheduled Google Meet opportunities, our goal is to provide a wide range of activities and assignments that will keep students engaged in the learning process. However, please know that we hold no specific expectation that every single thing that is posted in a child's Google Classroom can be completed during a "home-school" day or even two or more days. Your personal and family needs come first! However, in order to avoid conflicts, we are asking our therapists and specialists to follow their regular RBS schedule as

closely as possible, so do "try" to have your child present for those Google Meet sessions if you are able.

We want to reassure all of you that we understand the hardship that this forced school closure is causing families. Please understand that while we are endeavoring to provide a multitude of resources and learning activities for our students, we recognize that many of you are facing significant challenges as you try to take care of your children, support their learning, attend to extended family members, and even do your own work from home. For all of you, we're sure that getting through this week has been no small feat, but the first week is just about complete!

Throughout this closure, please be sure to take time for yourself and do what is necessary to stay well rested and healthy. You are your child's first and best teacher, so when you need a break from all of the things we are sharing... just do it! There is a lot of great learning that comes from simple family conversations, making meals or snacks together, playing games, or just relaxing and watching a movie or TV show together.

Just in case you feel guilty about watching TV with your child on a "school" day, feel free to click the following link and choose a guilt free show from here: [30 Educational Netflix Shows](#)

Have a great weekend!

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