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Family Do's and Don'ts for Online Learning

We are all adjusting to learning from home, and our first week of fully remote instruction has brought new and different challenges to all of us. Here is a quick run-down of the Family Do's and Don'ts we've learned so far.

Do use a profile picture that represents your child in a positive way.

Depending on the age of the student and the classes they are taking, they may be asked to use an avatar or profile picture that is an image of something that represents the student. Make sure that the picture is non-controversial and shows the other students and teacher that the student is ready to learn. Any picture that causes a disruption to the online class environment will be blocked and the child will be asked to change it. Students must use their real names as their log-in information and may not be admitted to an online class if the name is not on the teacher's roster.

Do make sure the student's environment is conducive to learning.

Help your child find a good learning space that is free from anything that would distract your child or his/her classmates. Remember that everyone can see whatever is behind the child, so be sure that the background area has nothing that would cause a disruption to other students. If there is something in your child's background that makes it difficult for others to concentrate, the child will be asked to move his/her camera angle or location.

Do help your child dress appropriately for class.

Make sure your child wears clothes that he/she would normally wear to school and that he/she is fully dressed. Clothes must not be disruptive to the educational process, and students who are not appropriately dressed will be asked to change.

Do help your child stay focused and engaged in online learning.

We know that online learning can be stressful for parents, too. If you are feeling frustrated or irritated, step away for a few minutes and take a break. You and your child are doing the best you can, and addressing your child on camera will only make the situation worse. Also remember that class time is not the appropriate time for parents to ask questions of teachers. Please feel free to email or call your child's teacher after class with any questions.

Don't post pictures or images from your child's online learning experience on social media.

Please remember not all families want their child's picture or video from class shared where people outside of the class can see it. Our students need to feel comfortable to make mistakes and learn from those mistakes without fear that others will see it. Also, many of our students have privacy concerns that prevent their pictures from being shared publicly. Lessons will be recorded and posted on secure, password-protected sites if you want to review a portion of the instruction.