

Parents/Guardians,

We would like to start off by saying how much we miss seeing and interacting with your children!!!! We never in a million years would have thought we would be going through anything like this. It is a troubling time for us all and we miss the normalcy and routine of school as much as you do. This is a new way for us to “do school”, and by partnering with our families we know we can work together to make sure learning continues for the rest of the year. Thank you for being patient with us. Please know that we will be staying in contact with our homerooms via phone calls, emails, or other media. If at any time you need to reach out to a teacher, other than your child’s homeroom teacher, you can reach them via their school email on the Grand View School website (grandviewchargers.org). With this being said, we are including some information we have received, a few suggestions, and some educational websites you may want to visit. Again, thank you for working together with us during this challenging time.

Stay safe Charger family,
3rd and 4th Grade Teachers

Distance learning is any method of learning that happens outside the traditional school building. Learn how to maximize your child’s at-home learning time by following the tips for families below.

- Work with your child to designate a space for learning that will limit distractions as they complete their school work.
- Create a schedule. At times when life does not feel normal, helping students stay on a routine is helpful. Remember to maintain time for breaks, lunch and snacks, as well as walks and play.
- Allow children time to interact with friends virtually or on the phone. This will help them maintain relationships and continue to build their social skills.
- Emphasize that learning will continue even though it is not occurring in the normal setting.
- **Your physical and emotional well-being are most important.** Take care of yourself and do not be afraid to ask adults for information or support.
- **Learning at home is a unique opportunity!** Learning at home and learning at school are different. At home, you can work with your family. You can connect science to your home life and interests. This is an opportunity to explore something that really matters to you!
- **Don’t stress too much!** Learning science at home might be really new for you. Remember that a lot of people are feeling this way too. Do your best and explore science that matters to you. We will all figure it out together!

Suggested Schedule for Distant Learning at Home

3rd through 5th grade: 1 hour and 20 minutes a day

- 20 minutes of read-aloud or independent reading (4th-***Readworks.org assignments have been added online and in paper form to fulfill this time frame. The students will have choices, audio, vocabulary, ELL, and other support that has been added. The online library was just activated with thousands of choices for reading just for pleasure.***)
- 20 minutes of reading or writing lessons, tasks or prompts; may include 15 minutes of independent writing (**in our Google classroom there are weekly writing prompts labeled by weeks 1-5**).
- 20 minutes for a combination of math lessons, activities, application practice or games focused on concepts, skills or content of the unit (i.e., number sense, computation, problem solving, etc.)
- 20 minutes of science/social studies activities or lessons connected to an overarching project or topic of study (**The fourth grade has two Google classroom pages containing science based lessons for the remaining 5 weeks. Additional material was also added and is available for those who wish to take advantage of it. The pages are updated occasionally.**)
- Flexible time for physical education, music, art, world languages, etc.

Literacy Activities:

-Practice **cursive** handwriting.

-Have students write. This could be journaling about feelings and events at home, writing about things they are learning, writing letters to friends, teachers, or relatives. I highly encourage each student to keep a journal about this troubling time. They are living in what will be a time their children and grandchildren, we hope, only read about. Have them describe the time and place this all started and how it came to our country. How are we personally being affected by the virus? How do they feel about having to get out of school 5 or 6 weeks early and have their friends and extracurricular activities taken from them? What about college and professional sports coming to a sudden end? No proms, graduations, and weddings having to be postponed. Thank you cards to the health professionals in our hospitals would be awesome and greatly appreciated.

Math:

-Multiplication Facts: buy, print off, or make multiplication flash cards and work with your child one-on-one.

-Let them help you cook. They can follow the recipe and stay in practice with their fractions and measurements.

-Play store. They need to be able to add up your bill, subtract to find your change, and count your change back to you properly.

Science:

Recommended Actions You Take

- **Explore science that matters to you!** Is there something you've always wondered about--maybe why something happens the way it does, or a problem you want to solve? What do you already know about this? What does your family know? What are the next steps you might take to figure this out? You might:
- Look for information from a trusted source.
- Design an experiment and collect data about something you are wondering about.
- Build or draw a model that shows why something happens or how something works.
- Figure out a solution to a problem you have noticed and explored.

Suggested list of websites for additional activities.

- Educational programming aligned with state objectives is being offered on [OETA](#) from Mon-Fri. Click here for grade level [schedule](#).
- The students may access **Tumblebooks**, **Capstone**, and **Follett ebooks and read alouds through our Grandviewchargers.org website**. They have enjoyed [getepic.com](#) a lot (**Class code is ejw1949 for access.**) GV has paid for these resources for our students this year to provide them with additional online reading resources.
- Check these out! Over 30 Virtual Field Trips at https://docs.google.com/document/u/0/d/1SvldgTx9djKO6SjyvPDsoGlkgE3iExmi3qh2KRRku_w/mobilebasic
- Southwest Florida Eagle Cam - <https://dickpritchettrealestate.com/eagle-feed.html>
- For math and language games- <https://www.arcademics.com/>
- Study Island- www.studyisland.com
- IXL- <https://www.ixl.com/signin/grandviewps>
- Prodigy- www.prodigy.com
- STEM/STEAM- www.leftbraincraftbrain.com
- Math- www.khanacademy.org