

Hello Rocket Virtual Families,

We have arrived at the halfway point of our semester together in Rocket Virtual! This is a time to reflect on our journey with Edmentum in a new learning environment. Even if we do not "like" virtual learning this will forever be a form of learning for our community, country and globe. Those of us that have taken this challenge head on and walked with our children, the district and Edmentum teachers can forever consider ourselves pioneers for R-P. This amazing learning experience has brought with it many emotions. My mom, who still lives in Reeths-Puffer, always says, "Things that impact your life always bring emotion, it is the things that are comfortable and evoke little emotion that will pass by without changing you." Thank you to all who continue to embrace our pioneering of Rocket Virtual.

Please take some time and do a self-reflection on how your child and family are doing in the virtual environment.

- 1. Is your child logging onto their program daily (2 to 3 hours is appropriate)?
- 2. Do you and your child set a goal fornumber of assignments to complete for the week?
- 3. Are you and your child reaching out to the Edmentum teacher with guestions?
- 4. If there is frustration, has your family attended any of the help sessions?
- 5. Is there a set time and place established for your child/children to do their virtual learning?
- 6. Is your child or family responding to your Rocket Virtual mentor's requests and opportunities?
- 7. Are you giving your child and yourself grace while continuing to learn and grow?

These 7 practices are critical to allow your child to make progress with their peers and support success beyond the Covid-19 crisis. If you find that these practices are not being done set a goal as a family to improve on 1 or 2 of them together this week.

Congratulations on making it to mid semester with Rocket Virtual!

Thank you for your continued partnership,

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