

## **Distance Learning-You Can Do This Parents!**

March 23, 2020

Dear Parents,

As a week has gone by since we last saw our students we wanted to take a few moments now that things have sunk in to answer some questions about “Distance Learning”. We also want to take this time to give encouragement! We miss our students, but we will stay in close contact daily. Every teacher in the building is ready in their homes to service your children in whatever educational help they should require during this very chaotic time. In fact our teachers are looking forward to student and parent contact during this time. Please do not hesitate to contact us.

Q: How is the work schedule organized for my child?

A: This last week was considered an organizational week (March 16-20). We needed time to gather and create student work, distribute it, and give parents/students a time to process everything that is happening. For the next two weeks we have provided school work for every day we would have been in session

Week 1: Organizational Week for Teachers and Parents

Week 2: March 24, March 25, March 26, March 27 (THIS WEEK)

Week 3: March 31, April 1, April 2, April 3 (NEXT WEEK)

Elementary: Has been provided work for the core areas of Math and ELA (Reading/Writing) and supplemental online activities for other areas of instruction.

High School: Has been provided work for the core classes that fall in the areas of ELA, Math, Science, and History. Supplemental online materials have been provided for all other classes.

Q: Where can I find my work?

A: This link should take you to our “Remote Learning Resources” document where you can choose from each grade level or course:

[https://www.novinger.k12.mo.us/vimages/shared/vnews/stories/5e7113e195dca/Remote%20Learning%20Guide%20\(2\).htm](https://www.novinger.k12.mo.us/vimages/shared/vnews/stories/5e7113e195dca/Remote%20Learning%20Guide%20(2).htm)

The folders you picked up last week also contained print outs from each teacher outlining the week's goals and assignments. Some of the teachers (6th grade and above) are posting online in the Google classrooms others provided paper school work for your child. Your older students (6th-12th) should check their student email accounts daily. If the child has forgotten their password, please email:

[rdaniels@novinger.k12.mo.us](mailto:rdaniels@novinger.k12.mo.us)

Q: How do we turn paper assignments in ?

A: There are a number of ways you can show your teacher progress after you have completed the assignment. We highly recommend that if you have the capability you contact your teacher in some way to let them know your progress. If you have access to a smart phone and are comfortable doing so, we ask that the student/parent take photos of the finished assignments and email them to your teacher. Many of you have access to Facebook Messenger-if your teacher has an account here you may take a photo of your assignment and have your parent message it to the teacher. You do not have to be "friends" on these accounts to use messenger. If you do not have access to this technology you may keep your paper assignments in your folder for a later date. Parents who do not have online access are suggested to keep a daily log of work completed by the student in their folder. Do not attempt to mail these paper copies or drop them off at this time.

Q: How are online assignments turned in?

A: All of our older students are familiar with this process using Google Classrooms (6th-12th). If they need help with Google Classrooms we ask that you contact Ms. Somers with questions: [ssomers@novinger.k12.mo.us](mailto:ssomers@novinger.k12.mo.us)  
She can get in touch with parents/students quickly through email.  
We recommend that 6th-12th grade students email their students daily to report their progress to them. Even if it is as simple as to tell them you watched the youtube video assigned, they would like to hear from you.

Q: What should I do if I don't understand the assignment my child has been given?

A: Contact the teacher! Utilize email, texting application, video messaging. We are ready and waiting to be of assistance. Many teachers have the option to video chat with students. We do ask that if you are using video chat with a teacher that a parent be present. Some teachers may even make a video to send back to you to explain the assignment.

Q: How long each day should my child spend on homework?

A: We recommend that you do not go overboard! 2-4 hours a day is a good range to consider, depending on your child's age level. The older the student, the more time will be needed for work time. However, don't forget to spread this out over time. The students are overwhelmed at this time by the changes going on in the world. Since we do not have Monday dates listed in our schedule feel free to work a little on these dates and weekends so that you are not overwhelmed. Take frequent breaks.

Q: How can I find contact information for each teacher?

A: Each teacher put a note on their remote learning guide sheets in their folders that tells their preferred method of contact. This note told you specifically how to contact them. Please refer to this site for the reference of each teacher's sheet:

[https://www.novinger.k12.mo.us/vimages/shared/vnews/stories/5e7113e195dca/Remote%20Learning%20Guide%20\(2\).htm](https://www.novinger.k12.mo.us/vimages/shared/vnews/stories/5e7113e195dca/Remote%20Learning%20Guide%20(2).htm)

Each teacher may be contacted by email:

<https://www.novinger.k12.mo.us/vnews/display.v/SEC/Staff%20Directory>

Q: What should my child do if I do not have internet access or a device to complete work for online classes?

A: All elementary teachers have provided paper pencil work that does not need to be accessed online. You can do these activities in place of online activities.

A: High School students who did not have access notified the school prior to our shut down. The students who did not have internet access were provided paper pencil assignments in place of online assignments. We did our best but we might have missed students who did not relay this information. If you find you do not have what you need in the student folder please call 660-956-2982 and you will be assisted.

Q: What are the additional resources listed at the bottom of each "Remote Learning Guide Sheet" used for ?

A: These are additional sites that we believe could help your child continue learning about the content area. You may utilize these sites if you need more resources or if your student needs work beyond what is already listed on the Learning Guide Sheets.

Q: What kind of schedule should I keep my child on?

A: We recommend that you make a set schedule every day of when you will complete school work. Break up your day with family activities, chores, exercise, arts and crafts, outside time, and down time. If at all possible have your child READ, READ, READ! If your child is not a reader, find interesting articles on topics they enjoy such as video games, animals, or sports. Whatever schedule you set up-stick to it. A schedule helps children feel stable and more like normal. We highly recommend you add as much family fun into your schedule as you can!

Q: Is my child going to be behind in school when this is all over?

A: Every child in the world that is facing this challenge has had their education interrupted. We will all be in the same boat when we return to school. While we will not be exactly on track for the year we will have maintained our already established progress with help from great parents like you! You are reinforcing skills they need to keep sharpened for when they return to school.

Q: How will the process be handled if we need to extend our school shut down?

A: We will announce the procedure for this process as soon as we have this information. Online (Google Classroom) will continue for our older students as it is at this time (6th-12th grade). Watch for more information on our intended procedure. We will update you.

I will continue to update this document via our Facebook feed and our website. If you have additional questions you would like answered please email [rdaniels@novinger.k12.mo.us](mailto:rdaniels@novinger.k12.mo.us) or you can private message our school Facebook page. The document will be updated daily

Everyone stay safe and continue to practice social distancing in an effort to reduce the spread of this virus! Students-we miss you so much! Parents-may the force be with you! :)