

WORKING TOGETHER

PROVIDING THE BEST FOR OUR LEARNERS

CUSD Parents/Guardians,

An effective virtual learning environment requires a strong partnership between students, teachers and parents to ensure outstanding student learning. The first few weeks of online learning has brought to light several ways in which parents can support their children and provide the best home environment for students to engage in their virtual classrooms. What we have found is that students have the most success in virtual learning when parents do the following:



1 Provide a space for computer access that is free from distractions including: pets, toys, food, TV, other siblings and background noise.



2 Make available a computer work station that allows for students to be seated upright with the screen at eye level.



3 Ensure the background within camera shot is appropriate for school aged children and free of distractions including parents and siblings.



4 Check in with their child regularly to ensure they are engaged in their online assignments and activities.



5 Allow participation in Google Meets free from any parental interaction and only communicate with the teacher during times when they are not providing live-instruction.



6 Partner with their child's teacher and communicate on a regular basis outside of live instructional time.



7 Allow their child to complete assessments and answer live questions without parental support.



8 Provide frequent breaks and mix screen time with other off screen activities.



9 Take an interest in what your child is learning and ask questions after each day's class.



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