

OLV Online Learning: Information and Expectations

In this unprecedented time in our community, OLV School is doing its very best to adapt its high-quality education to an online platform in accordance with governor Walz's mandate. Our teachers and staff are working diligently to convert classroom learning to an online platform. Students, teachers, parents, and staff are all in this transition together. This means we will have to extend patience and grace toward one another as we navigate this new learning platform.

Learning Platform

Our teachers will utilize Google Classroom to deliver online learning materials to your children. Students will be able to access their Google Classroom using their OLV email and password. Students in grades 4-6 should know their email addresses and passwords, if not contact Lori Bredenberg (lbredenberg@ffolv.org) to reset them. Email addresses and passwords are at the end of this letter. Students will have the opportunity to complete some practice assignments next week (3/23-3/27), and class instruction will begin the week of March 30. All activities performed while signed in are not private as this is a shared Google Education account. This technology policy is outlined in the OLV Parent/Student handbook.

In an effort to help keep some continuity across grade levels, there are a few things that will be the same regardless of grade:

1. Each classroom teacher will provide a weekly overview video message to help guide students and parents through the week's learning materials.
2. Each grade will have one live lesson per week. These will be scheduled in a way that they do not overlap for those with children in multiple grades. The live sessions will be recorded for those who cannot meet at the scheduled meeting time.
3. Each classroom teacher will provide live office hours each week. Outside of scheduled office hours, parents and students should email their teacher with course questions or email Lori Bredenberg (lbredenberg@ffolv.org) with technology questions. You can always call the school office and leave a message if you have any questions or concerns.

Parent Responsibilities

While our teachers are converting their learning materials online, they will need a lot of parental support. Essentially, your children are now being home schooled. Our teachers are the experts in their course materials. They can provide all the tools your child needs to learn effectively, but we need parents to deliver the course content to the students. This is especially true for the younger students who cannot read independently and may need help navigating the technology. Parents will be the bridge between the teachers and the students, and we will rely on you to help guide your children in their education.

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Time Commitment

The time your family will need to commit to daily education will vary by grade level and by the content being covered in the classroom from week to week. We understand that many parents are still working, and we will do our best to keep the work manageable. Keep in mind that although students would typically be in classrooms from 8:20-3:07, it is not a realistic expectation that they will work on their online instruction for 7 hours per day. Students in upper grade levels will likely need to devote 3 hours per day to schoolwork, and the time commitment will decrease accordingly for younger students.

As you work with your children on their schoolwork, please remember that we're all new to this. Understand that our teachers are simultaneously learning how to use Google Classroom and how to best adapt their lessons for online learning. In turn, they understand that parents and students will need some time to learn how to use the technology and adapt to new daily schedules. With kindness, patience, and grace, we will make it through this tough situation.

Student's Name:

Your child's Google Email:

Password:

This is the email for parents we have on file:

***If you have not signed up for school wide texts please do so by texting @olvs to 81010 for K-6 students or @llpre for Learning Ladder Preschool students. If your classroom teacher has a Remind class group, you also need to join the larger group as well in order to get the school wide messages

We will all get through this together! I pray for peace and calm for all your families and our community.