

## Hello Remote Learning Families!

Congratulations on completing week one. We know that for students and teachers it has been quite an adventure. Even though we went online at the end of last year, the remote learning we are doing this year is quite a different model and brand new to you and to our teachers. Thank you from the bottom of my heart to each of you who has reached out to your teacher with positive messages and encouragement. This is new territory as they are working to build community with in-person and online students while at the same time implementing new technology.

Taylor Ranch is excited to teach all our students; both remote and in-person, and we want to assure you that each day will get easier. We know your job as a remote learning parent is very challenging as well, so we wanted to share some information that we hope will reduce any stress in your home.

### Technical Support

We know that the technology can be challenging. There can be issues on your end or on ours. When you have trouble logging into a zoom or accessing Blackboard, that can be frustrating, and we understand why many of you have sent messages and emails throughout the day. Please know that we understand that everyone is trying their very best and patience is required on all sides. We also encourage you to check your class web site on Blackboard – many of your questions can be answered there.

You can also click on this web site for answers about many of the programs we are using, and for explanations of how to get to Blackboard:

<https://www.sarasotacountyschools.net/remotelernersupport>

Here is an additional phone number for technical support for the first two weeks:  
941-927-4002

### Online Student Experience

The first two weeks of every school year is full of teaching routines and procedures. We are getting our in-person learners organized and used to being in our classrooms, and we are also getting our remote learners used to the technology and how school is going to work for them. We know there are times when your remote learning child has had a question that we may have missed, or when your child has had a problem that we didn't know about. All of our students are important to us, and we know as we and our students get to know each other the children will feel more and more comfortable. We are beginning the second week

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of school, and our teachers are working very hard, so please bear with us and them as we all get used to the routines.

One of the most important things we can do as adults is help our children feel calm and not get too anxious. We really appreciate your help in reassuring the students that this is new to everyone, and we are going to figure it out.

### **Online Parent Interaction & Support**

Parents and caregivers, thank you for supporting your remote learners. This is a huge commitment on your part to ensure that your student is logged in and ready to learn. Please keep in mind these very important reminders as we move beyond procedures and routines and into academic content. The first 3 are taken from the Sarasota County School's *Acknowledgement of Covid-19 Procedures* document found on our website as well as the district website.

1. Neither students nor parents may record, either audio or video, anything that occurs during remote learning. Teachers do not grant the authority for anyone to record them or other students while engaging in remote teaching or learning. Violation of this rule could lead to disciplinary action.
2. Parents/guardians may not interrupt or participate in remote instruction. If a parent/guardian has any questions or comments for the teacher, he/she must request a parent conference with the teacher via email or phone call.
3. Parents/guardians must ensure their child is properly supervised during remote instruction and ensure there are no other adults or children present while remote instruction is taking place.
4. While your student is being supervised and supported during their online learning, please make sure that the supervising adult is **not visible on the camera**. We have learned this week that this can cause disruption to the in-class learning as other students do not know the adults they may see on camera.

Thank you for reading through these tips and reminders. We value your commitment to your student's education, and we are hopeful that as the community spread of Covid-19 continues to improve, we will one day soon be back together again in person!

On that note, if you decide that you would like your child to return to Taylor Ranch School prior to the end of the semester, please reach out to your child's teacher, Mrs. Spielman, or Ms. Hansen. We are more than happy to work with any family that wants to return prior to the suggested return date. We absolutely respect the decision(s) you make on behalf of your family and child and whether remote or in-person, Taylor Ranch is here for you.

Warmly,

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