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HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF REMOTE LEARNING

Dear AMCS Families,

As we prepare for the next school year the uncertainty of how we will continue educating our students is very much on our minds, as we are sure it is on yours. It is, of course, a possibility that all or some of that learning will take place remotely. We understand the challenges that presents for each family as well as for us, as dedicated members of the AMCS community.

To help make the most of on-line and remote learning we are sharing some suggestions that will help us all to reach the goal of giving the children the best possible experience in these challenging times.

It will be important to help your children understand that although they are at home, it is a school experience. These suggestions will help your students to feel more as if they are in the actual classroom and will make concentration, attention and experiencing the happiness of being at AMCS possible, although distanced.

We strongly encourage you to implement these ideas every day. Consistency is important in any educational experience, and especially now.

Make sure you know your child's class schedule and set an alarm at least 15 minutes ahead so they can be ready on time. A paper calendar with the days and times for class time noted and posted where it can be seen will help prepare your student.

It will help your child to be more attentive and prepared if they are wearing appropriate clothing: our school uniform or a nice tee shirt, pants, skirt, hair brushed, shoes on. Make it a pleasure to "get ready for school".

Have a regular, dedicated space with a desk or table, a comfortable chair, pencils and any other books or supplies the teacher has suggested. Try to keep this space the same every day. If your child will be using a common family space like the dining table for school work, please help your child by devoting that space only for school work during learning time.

Use a shelf or bin or cubby or backpack to store away items when not in use so that you can enjoy your home for the rest of the day. Show your child how to restore these items. Parents working from home may also model this with their own work computers/folders/chargers etc.

Encourage at least 30 minutes of physical or outdoor activity during the day.

Be sure to keep distractions at a minimum. We know you are at home and there will be some disruption. Perhaps ask friends and family not to call during school time, turn off television, cell phones and music while your child is "at school."

It will make the time for class more useful if your child uses the bathroom beforehand, and, depending on the specified time, is not hungry or thirsty.

We know that you will join us in doing everything possible to help the children have the best possible experience. Please show a positive attitude toward the remote learning experience, emphasize the positive and know you are contributing greatly to your child's education. Our faculty is working hard to achieve that same end. We are all in this together.