



## Virtual Learning Tidbits for Daycare Providers



### DAILY SCHEDULE:

This fall, Kindergarten thru Grade 2 will have school from 9:00-11am and 1:00-3:00pm daily. Grades 3-5 will have school from 8:30-11:15am and 1:15-3:00 daily. Wednesday is an adjusted day and all students will finish by 11:15am. You can find the daily schedule for all students at [www.aacps.org/fall2020](http://www.aacps.org/fall2020). Each teacher will also post their specific class schedule in their Google Classroom. Attendance is taken throughout the day, so it is expected that students will be logged on and active with their teachers.

### CULTURAL ARTS:

Each week, students will have PE, Music, Art, and Media classes. Their teacher will have their specific time noted in the weekly class schedule. It may be necessary during some of these times for students to get up and move around in front of their device. If there is space in your center, please allow for this so students can fully participate. For now, it is helpful if daycare providers know that kindergarteners and first graders need support in going to and from these special classes. It requires them to leave their homeroom class and go into another teacher's class for thirty minutes. Having adults nearby during these transition times will help. In October, students in grades 3-5 will be able to sign up for Instrumental Music. As a daycare provider, you may want to talk with parents ahead of time as to whether this is something that could be facilitated in the space you have for students.

### GOOGLE CLASSROOM:

Students should log into their devices through ClassLink, which is the site that gives them access to all AACPS programs. Simply searching for Google Classroom as a website does not give students everything they need. Sometimes due to technology issues, students get bumped off of a Google Meet with their teacher. It may be necessary for students to go all the way back out to ClassLink and log in again, as sometimes it doesn't allow them to simply rejoin their class. These are times when an adult nearby is helpful. If you need support during the school day you can call the school at 410-222-6542.

### TECHNOLOGY:

Student devices may run out of a charge throughout the day, so it is helpful if students can be stationed near an outlet. Headphones that cover the child's ears work best, as it helps to drown out the background noise and allow them to hear their teachers better. If you need tutorials or additional information on technology, you can visit [www.aacps.org/virtualllearning](http://www.aacps.org/virtualllearning).

### SCHOOL SUPPLIES:

AACPS has provided each student with a backpack of school supplies. Classroom teachers will tell students what specific supplies they need each day. It is helpful if these bags of school supplies are near the student during the school day for easy access. Students will not only use the computer for their work, but there will be times when pencil and paper is used.

### OTHER SUGGESTIONS:

Throughout the day some teachers have snack time. They have encouraged families to send dry snacks so the student is able to stay at their device and continue to participate in class while snacking. When seating students, it may be helpful to have their backs facing out so that other students are not visible in the background. The noise level in some centers has also been a distraction for students, so we appreciate you monitoring this. From 8:30-9:00am our 3rd—5th graders are in class and the younger students are not. At 1:00-1:15pm our Kindergarten—2nd graders are in class and the older ones are not. This presents a difficult time for daycare centers as you try to keep the environment conducive to learning. We appreciate your efforts! Together we can make this a success for our students!