Parents,

I know that this is frustrating and means a lot of time for you as a parent. PLEASE know that I am trying to keep this a simple as possible and if you are, at any time, feeling confused or if you need help PLEASE let me know! All information that I send to you will be done through Dojo and virtual copies of all the notes I send will be posted on our class web page under the “Forms” tab if you need to reference back to them.

There will only be 2 sites that I will primarily use for online learning – Dojo and Google classroom. If I need the children to play a game, read a story, or do an activity for an assignment I will use a link that will take you to that assignment. I will only use links to the sites that are listed on the “Helpful web sites” tab of our class web site. These sites are all free but some require you to create a log in and then use a class code to access the free classroom version that I have set up. If a code is required I will have it listed under the site’s icon on the “Helpful web sites” page (on our class web page). If you try to log on without the class code you might be charged a fee so please make sure to use the class code. If no code is listed under the site icon then that means that a code is not required to access the site. You will want to create sign in accounts in advance for the sites that require a log in.

For google classroom you need to have a gmail account to log on. You can have your children log on with your gmail or you can create a gmail for your children. Once you have the gmail you would simply log onto classroom.google.com and use this code **6nqhr3b** to access our online class. After you have logged on you will see a list of lessons that have been assigned to your children. I have tried to keep them very short, no more than 30 or 40 minutes to complete. If the lesson involves doing some sort of an activity; like reading a story, playing a game, or watching a video, a link to that activity is included with the lesson. The lessons are arranged by daily assignments. If your child wants to work ahead or if you aren’t able to log on and miss a day it’s no problem. The lessons will stay on the site and I will receive notifications when then are completed. If you have any questions about this site or the lessons please let me know.

Sometimes I will want to see the children’s work, like having them read their sight word stories. For this I will use Dojo’s “student portfolio.” To use this you will log onto your dojo account by going to [www.classdojo.com](http://www.classdojo.com) , scroll down to “sign in as a…” and select student. That will take you to a page where you will select “sign in with google” where you will log on with your child’s gmail account. From here you should be able to access the student portfolio assignments (I have a teacher account so I am not able to see what the student version looks like). You might be able to use this via your phone app but I am not sure – I have a teacher account so I am not able to try the app and see how it works for students. You can also upload pictures or video of your children’s work to either google classroom or dojo anytime you would like. If you have any questions about this site or the lessons please let me know.

Please make sure when creating your online accounts that you make a copy of your log in information, especially if you have more than one student accessing online learning. Use a computer program like MS Word or One note to keep track of user names and passwords for each web site; or even just jot it down on a piece of paper. I will not have access to user names or passwords for your children’s online accounts so I will not be able to help you log on if your account information is lost or forgotten.

Online learning is not ideal for children ages 4 and 5. I definitely do not want to create media zombies! So next week I will be creating more take home packets for your children; to try and give them some more hands on type work to help them with their handwriting and sight word reading. I will include everything they will need for 2-3 weeks’ worth of lessons. Mr. Erickson is currently working on some sort of pick-up box at school that parents can use to pick up the packets whenever it is convenient. As soon as a plan for the packet pick up is in place I will let you know.

PLEASE don’t hesitate to let me know if you have ANY questions!