



GARDENS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Pasadena Independent School District

FAQs for Learning at Gardens:

How will my student learn?

- In order to maintain consistency, student support, and provide regular instructional services, Gardens teachers will be available from the hours of 9:00am - 11:00am and 1:00pm - 3:00pm. Our fourth grade students will continue to use the Connect Platform and students in PK-3 will continue to learn via packet/tech.

How will this work?

- For 4th Grade Instruction (Reading, Writing, Math, Science, Social Studies) students will use the Connect platform. In addition to that, teachers may supplement it with Google Classroom, Zoom, etc. in order to virtually communicate/teach your child. Projects, Power Focus Areas and Additional will be adjusted accordingly.
- Grades PK-3 will have the option of completing packet work or working with technology.
- All teachers will be reaching out to students/parents via Dojo, email, phone, etc. The purpose of these contacts will be to provide instructional support, offer feedback and share lessons. Please closely monitor your emails, texts, Dojo, etc. to ensure you are receive up to date info from your child's teacher.
- Gardens will continue to post updates and information on our Facebook page. Mr. Garza will also send information out to families via ClassDojo.
- All students should have access to iStation in grades Pk-4 and Dreambox in grades K-4. If you need help logging into these programs, please contact your teacher.

When will online classes occur?

- Classroom teachers will be making contact with you to let you know when they are available. Their hours will be 9:00am-11:00am and 1:00pm-3:00pm

What supplies will my student need?

- WiFi – If you have it available
- Chromebook and Charger in 4th
- Connect Platform for grade 4
- Basic supplies (paper, pencils, scissors, glue, crayons, etc.)

- Any other supply your teacher deems necessary

What are the expectations for students?

- Beginning Monday, March 23, 2020, students will be able to log in and complete their online learning activities for Connect in Grade 4. Students in PK-3 will begin to hear from their homeroom teacher. Students will be expected to participate in their learning either using a technology platform or packet. Those who work in the Connect Platform (4th Grade), complete their assignments, and demonstrate genuine effort will be successful.

How will my student contact their teacher?

- Pasadena ISD Email
- Text Message
- Classroom Dojo
- Zoom Meeting
- Any other modality teachers set up to be in contact with you

Who will help my student if they don't understand?

- Teachers will be available via email, ClassDojo, text, and/or Zoom chat to answer any questions that students may have. Teachers will also be creating videos for you to view as well.

How will my student take content assessments in fourth grade?

- Teachers will have a system and guidelines for approving content assessments for fourth grade Connect. In some instances, teachers may require students to email a picture of their notes prior to content assessment approval.

How will grading be handled?

- Teachers will still be expected to take a grade per week per subject area. Teachers will decide what to take a grade on during their weekly PLC meetings and will communicate that information with you.
- For 4th grade, we will continue just as they have been in the Connect platform. Projects, Focus Areas and Additional will continue to factor into your student's grade.

What about Art/PE/Music/Library?

- Art:
 - Mrs. Deaton will be posting simple and easy art activities daily in her Class Dojo for students with access to technology and who have Class Dojo accounts.
 - For students without access to Class Dojo, there will be a calendar sent out with daily art activities listed.
- PE:
 - PE teachers and campus counselors are working together to develop both mental and physical health activities.
 - Each day a physical fitness activity will be made available via Class Dojo.
 - Video workouts and activities will also be made on YouTube. Links to the YouTube page will be posted on Class Dojo and our Facebook page.
- Music:
 - Mrs. Black has set up a Class Dojo that will have music lessons available
 - Music lessons will be provided daily through Class Dojo
- Library:
 - Information will be posted in the Library Web Page, School Facebook or Google Classroom
 - How to Access School & Library Site from home
 - How can your students use Xbox to Login Google Classroom
 - Access Library and Online Resources
 - E-books
 - What is Coronavirus? For young students
 - Story Read Alouds
 - Google Classroom Parents
 - STEM Activities
 - Authors Read Alouds
 - Fun Family Activities

What about if my child receives Dyslexia Services?

- Waterford (reading software) has been issued to every student with direct dyslexia services. The accounts are available now and students may log in using their “Clever” account. We are requesting that 1-2 sessions are utilized each day
- Dyslexia books may be sent home for students to review and practice the decoding skills previously taught
- Card sorts are available per parent request
- Students are encouraged to practice their decoding skills using resources available on the Garden’s Library page under “Kid’s Links” (Starfall, Over Drive, A/R, Tumble Books, Storyline Online, Brain Pop and other resources are valuable in increasing decoding skills, fluency, stamina, comprehension, vocabulary development, as well as other reading skills)

- Dyslexia students should be reading and/or using audio books every day in order not to regress in reading ability
- The Dyslexia teacher (Dr. Kempf) is available under the same guidelines as classroom teachers;

Will the school be open?

- **The school will NOT be open to visitors** but we will have a small number of staff on hand to answer the phones from 9:00am to 11:00am and 1:00pm to 3:00pm. These are the only people allowed inside the building at any time. We will not be able to allow you inside but we will address your concern as best as possible.
- The main phone line 713-740-0576 will be open from 9:00am to 11:00 am and 1:00pm to 3:00pm for questions.
- You can always email an administrator, counselor or instructional coach directly should you have any questions:
 - Principal - Mrs. Lesniewski – llesniewski@pasadenaisd.org
 - Asst. Principal – Mrs. Dellinger – cdellinger@pasadenaisd.org
 - Counselor – Mrs. Garza – ligarza@pasadenaisd.org
 - Math Coach – Mrs. Jenne – kjenne@pasadenaisd.org
 - Reading/Writing Coach – Mrs. Denoon – cdenoon@pasadenaisd.org
 - Connect/Instructional Coach – Mr. Garza – josgarza@pasadenaisd.org

How will I access WiFi if I do not have it?

- Comcast is offering a solution: https://www.internetessentials.com/covid19#undefined&all_HowdoIgetthepromo
- You can also visit the Pasadena ISD page under the COVID-19 link>>Technology Home Internet Access and Device Support.
- We have also placed something on our website: https://gardens.pasadenaisd.org/for_parents/internet_access_device_issues_tech_support

What happens if my 4th grader has their technology break?

- You can also seek support using this link for Pasadena ISD: [Device Tech Support Plan](#)
- You can also directly contact your child's teacher or Mr. Joseph Garza at josgarza@pasadenaisd.org

Will my student receive accommodations?

Yes. We are going to provide tailored instruction based on the child's IEP/IPP. Services will be limited compared to what they would normally get just like we are providing limited instruction in our general education classrooms. Reach out to your child's case manager for further clarification or questions. Their email addresses are the following:

- Shauna Pratt: spratt@pasadenaisd.org
- Sheryl Batcheller: sbatcheller@pasadenaisd.org
- Kayte Eplin: keplin@pasadenaisd.org
- Krystal Gaspar: kgaspar@pasadenaisd.org
- Natali Garza: ngarza1@pasadenaisd.org
- Carli Blue: cblue@pasadenaisd.org
- Liliana Garza: ligarza@pasadenaisd.org

My student is very concerned about COVID-19 (Coronavirus), finishing the year, moving to 5th Grade, etc?

- Mrs. Garza is available. You can email her directly at ligarza@pasadenaisd.org
- The STAAR test for all students across Texas has been waived for the 2019-2020 school year.
- If you are having difficulty with school supplies, please contact the school.
- Reminder that the district is serving breakfast and lunch from 11:30-1:00 at Pasadena High school.
- As of now, we plan to return to school Monday, April 13, 2020. As more information becomes available, we will share it with you.

I appreciate each of you! As a Gator Family, we are going to continue to thrive and excel. Just remember, it is always a great day to be a Gator!

Love to all!!!

Mrs. Lesniewski