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Tips for Your Family and Mine

1. Find a space dedicated to complete “school work.” We brought up a table from downstairs and set it up in the family room. We usually do homework at our kitchen table. I realized that I would go nuts if I had to keep asking everyone to clear off the kitchen table every time we ate. Plus, my hope is that by having everything in a certain area will help prevent the words, “Where is my (fill in the subject) book?”
2. Routine is key. No matter the student’s age, he/she should still go to bed around the same time and wake up at the same time, ready to get the day started at 8:00 a.m.
3. Faith is important. Students usually say prayers before school, at lunchtime, and at the end of the day. Remember to ask them if they have any intentions. This usually is their favorite part of prayer. Continuing this helps with routine and reminds them that God is the center of our lives. My morning announcements will be available, even though I don’t have much to announce, it is important that we continue to say the Prayer of St. Francis together.
4. Go outside! Hopefully the weather starts to get better and we can all go outside. Go for a walk, ride a bike, and sidewalk chalk is a great thing to have. Depending on the age, they can practice letter writing, drawing, math facts, they could even write out algebra problems! The ideas are endless...
5. Take breaks. Students are used to transitions, from walking from class to class, having recess, and to going to lunch. Take breaks every so often and do something fun!
6. Use Go Noodle -- <https://www.gonoodle.com/> . This is a great website to get up and get moving. Adults can play too!
7. We all have to practice patience and understanding. This is the first time we have put into place an E-Learning Plan. It may not be perfect and everything may not go exactly as planned. It is important that you maintain communication with teachers. If something is not working, please let the teachers know and we can reevaluate and change things that need changing.

To be honest, I really didn’t think it would come to this. The faculty and I feel very much prepared for the coming days, even though it will look very different from a normal school day. Our goal is to keep the students engaged and learning. Let us all keep in our prayers our world, our nation, our state, and our Holy Infant community as we navigate this new “normal.” May God watch over us and keep us safe and healthy.

Blessings,

Mrs. McQuaide