



Neshaminy School District

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Dear Neshaminy Elementary Families,

On Monday, April 13, 2020, your child's teacher will begin Online Instruction. Online Instruction will require our teachers and students to work together in an entirely new way, so that we can continue and foster student learning during the extended school closures.

As a District, we will use Canvas to help coordinate Online Instruction for student and teachers. Canvas is a Learning Management System that connects all the digital tools and resources teachers will use to deliver instruction in one place. Think of it as a blank "Canvas" where teachers building lessons. The Canvas Platform becomes the launch point for seamless integration with the educational tools/apps our students are already familiar using in school. Continuing with such familiarity will help to make learning more engaging, easier and fun in this new environment

Teachers have received training of how to navigate, build lessons, and most importantly, ways to communicate and provide feedback to students within Canvas. In addition to learning about Canvas, Neshaminy Teachers have been working tirelessly to develop standards-aligned lessons to continue the Neshaminy Curriculum using the Canvas Platform. The results will be a more integrated and engaging experience for students.

Just as teachers learned about Canvas, it is important that our students and parents learn about Canvas as well. To accomplish this, we have included a Canvas Student and Parent Orientation Training Course for all families. This orientation training provides an overview of Canvas, each component within Canvas, as well as helpful resources for reference. Please spend time over the next few days to learn about Canvas in preparation of the start of Online Instruction on Monday. Please access this course using the link below.

<https://neshaminy.instructure.com/courses/15960>

Additional information will be released on Thursday regarding Online Learning expectations, tips for learning at home, a recommended schedule, and some examples of Neshaminy teacher-designed activities from our new asynchronous learning plan.

Thank you for your continued patience and support during this time. Enjoy your Canvas Orientation!

Sincerely,

Michelle Burkholder
Director of Elementary Education