

Teaching from home is certainly an exhausting, confusing, and sad time for all in education during this trying time we find ourselves in. Below find a few tips, and some great resources we use at CCCS Brownsville.

MOST IMPORTANT -

Stay close to Jesus! You will (maybe already are) become mentally exhausted in this process. I am sure you have shed a few tears at this point. It is of vital importance that you maintain your daily quiet time with Jesus. Keep it quiet. Just because you are working from home does not



mean that you are required to answer every email, text, facebook message, google classroom comment, assignment the second you hear that unmistakable ding! Shut out the world and tune in to Jesus.

Schedule - Set yourself a schedule. Continue to do your daily routine as much as possible. Bible reading, a little exercise will give you great clarity of mind! Schedule a “meeting” time to answer those questions, DO NOT sit in front of your computer all day. Now let's get into the nitty gritty of online learning.

1- Online learning cannot, will not be at all like your classroom. Change your expectations. Simplify.

2- Students want and *need* to connect with their teacher as much as you need to connect with them. Find ways to make this personal, after all isn't that what Christian schools are all about? Connection, relationship. This will take you out of your comfort zone! It is never fun or comfortable to video yourself trying to teach a math lesson from your home and then sending it out. Teaching “live” can bring a whole new level to anxiety! However, please remember that whatever you do *most* students will just be thrilled to see you and their friends. I promise you, that parent is not sitting in the background taking notes of every thing you do or say that is wrong.

3- “How to” - You can become very creative, rather you are the tech teacher of the school, or the teacher who cannot seem to find the power button on your laptop! Here are some platforms that I am familiar with and we use.

- Google Classroom
- Google Hang out
- Zoom
- Facebook Groups

Below I will share some very basic videos I have found useful. These videos are for teachers and even a few for parents.

FACEBOOK GROUP- This is perfect for the teacher who struggles with technology!



If you are a teacher, or you have a teacher, who cries at the thought of going to all online, this is your answer. You might be surprised to learn that, “As of the fourth quarter of 2018, the social network was accessed by 2.3 billion **users** on a monthly basis.” (taken from <https://www.statista.com/statistics/408971/number-of-us-facebook-users/>)

Facebook pros-

- The teacher can post videos teaching lessons
- Teacher can have “live” meetings with students
- Post assignments.
- Students can reply back and post pictures of completed work.

However, every student, parent or students themselves **MUST** have a facebook account to access.

Group Access - The group **MUST** be set up as private and moderated by the teacher and/or school administration. The **ONLY** participants allowed in this group would be students and parents.

GOOGLE CLASSROOM- I love Google classroom and all it has to offer! It really is a pretty easy platform to learn. Most are a pro within a week!

Google Classroom Pros-

- It is a safe and secure way to communicate.
- Teachers have the ability to post assignments, create tests/quizzes (w/answer key!), post videos.
- Students can interact one on one or as a group.
- It is free! Students are able to upload videos, docs, presentations, or pdf.
- Teachers can see in real time what and how their students are doing!

NOTE: You must set up your google classroom with your school google account. Otherwise, you will not be able to connect to your students, it's a safety net.

Great How to Videos for Google - :)

I have more advanced videos, such as how to turn a pdf into a workable worksheet, etc. please email beckiecannon@ccbrownsville.org for more info. :)

(15 minutes) Awesome teaching remotely/Google classroom - <https://youtu.be/uUOwylgzFOU>

(8 minutes) great how to create digital assignments on Google classroom-
https://youtu.be/mDBO40_qmt4

(20 minutes) How to teach online during a pandemic using Google Hangouts- (this is worth the 20 minutes) <https://youtu.be/cr0cbkBDBo8>

A few Parent How to Video for Google

Parent how to use Google Classroom Link- <https://youtu.be/2lowi-gmbys>

Student how to submit an assignment Google Classroom Link -
<https://youtu.be/PdDJSWQAM8A>

ZOOM & Google Hangout - These are amazing tools! If you feel a bit jittery or fearful to teach live, I suggest you still do a live face to face hello with your class! Super easy to use, and ZOOM is free currently. ZOOM has many more features than the hangout. I will post a few videos for you as well.

Zoom basic how to - <https://youtu.be/fMUxzrgZvZQ>

(7 minutes) Zoom- How to use Zoom to teach link - <https://youtu.be/JIRfIUH8ENw>.

We pray that these tips have been helpful. If you have more advanced questions or help, please reach out to us at CCEA. These are simply the starting point, and ideas.

If you need help setting up/creating any of the above, please email beckiecannon@ccbrownsville.org