

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope that you are staying healthy and safe during this time of uncertainty. As teachers and staff, we planned to welcome your students back to JFK after spring break, but unfortunately, that was not the case. As we adapt to this new normal and continue to transition to remote learning for the foreseeable future we want to make sure that your students are receiving the quality education that they would if they were in our classrooms. Together, we have put together a plan to remotely teach your students whether that be for three weeks or eight weeks. We are all in this together. Below you will find information about the new online learning platform that grades preschool-fifth grade will be utilizing and updates on Zoom meetings and how to access them.

As we transition to the weeks ahead, content area teachers will no longer be sending and posting emails with each week's lessons. Instead, students in grades preschool through fifth grade will be using an online learning platform called Seesaw. Teachers will use this platform to create and assign lessons that will meet the essential standards that the students need to be successful. Students will be able to complete activities using a variety of tools through the app or website itself, but also by submitting pictures of completed activities. Teachers will then offer feedback on students' submitted assignments. Each child will receive a home learning code that will allow them access to their class and assigned activities.

We will continue to have two Zoom sessions each week with the students. During these sessions, we will plan to say "hi", read a story, and sing a song or two. At the end of these Zoom meetings with the students, we will stay on if any parents have a question to ask the teachers. Your child does not need to stay for this portion of the meeting. If there are not any questions we will end the meeting.

Starting the week of April 20th, we will add in a parent-only Zoom meeting. This meeting is for you to ask questions about Seesaw, assignments, or to address any concerns or problems that you may be having. I will be hosting Zoom meetings for just the families of all the 3 year old Preschool students together.

Below you will find a link that you will click that will bring you to a spreadsheet to see when the preschool zoom meeting times are taking place. **The link to see the schedule will change each week, as the spreadsheet is only for one week at a time.** By clicking on this link, you will be able to use the tabs at the bottom of the spreadsheet to see live sessions for just the grades you want. Please note that 4/ 5 year old preschool and 3 year old preschool will be doing zoom sessions separate now. Make sure you look for the times that are marked for the 3 year olds.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ce-WB6hrQ4KXOhYkJK5F-8yO9chQbj6CGuvyB_rEGHg/edit?usp=sharing

Here is the link for joining the zoom sessions.

Topic: Brenda Fox's Personal Meeting Room

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://kennedy-dav.zoom.us/j/3068318798?pwd=bDgyMHRsZnJXRWxvWDI3MHA2WWZYQT09>

Meeting ID: 306 831 8798

Password: Fox3yr

To Access SeeSaw:

1. Students go to <https://web.seesaw.me/> on a computer.

Or install the Seesaw Class App on an iOS or Android device.

2. Click Sign Up Free

3. Students tap “I’m a Student”.

4. Students scan their code using Seesaw’s built-in QR code reader or type in their text code to access their Seesaw account. ***** This will be sent out in a private email to each family*****

5. Enter the TEXT CODE sent to you directly from your teacher via email. (contact teacher if you haven’t received that information)

**** DO NOT SHARE YOUR TEXT CODE WITH OTHERS**

****ALL STUDENTS HAVE THEIR OWN UNIQUE TEXT CODE**

Directions for accessing Zoom meetings:

On a Windows computer

1. In your web browser, go to the teacher's home page.
2. Click on the link for the teacher's Zoom meeting room.
3. A window will appear asking if you want to open Zoom. Click Open Zoom.
4. On the Video Preview window, click Join with Video.
5. On the Join Audio window, click Join with Computer Audio.

Zoom may ask for permission to access your camera or microphone or to download. Click OK or Allow as needed.

On a Macbook

Before using Zoom on a Macbook you must first install Zoom. For installation instructions, our webpage at <https://www.olvjfk.com/installing-zoom/>.

1. In Safari, go to the teacher's home page.
2. Click on the link for the teacher's Zoom meeting room.
3. On the Video Preview window, click Join with Video.
4. On the Join Audio window, click Join With Computer Audio.

Zoom may ask for permission to access your camera or microphone, or for permission to allow the webpage to open zoom.us. Click OK or Allow as needed.

On a Chromebook

If you are using a school Chromebook, the Zoom app is already installed. If you are using your own Chromebook, you will need to install the Zoom app the first time you join a meeting. For installation instructions, see our webpage at <https://www.olvjfk.com/installing-zoom/>.

1. In your web browser, go to the teacher's home page.
2. Click on the link for the teacher's Zoom meeting room. The Zoom app will open.
3. In the Screen Name box, enter your name.
4. Click Join to enter the meeting.
5. On the Video Preview screen, click Join with Video.

Zoom may ask for permission to access your camera or microphone. Click OK or Allow as needed.

From an Android phone or tablet

For Android phones or tablets, you will need to install the free Zoom app from the Google Play store.

1. Find the teacher's Meeting ID and Password in the "Connect With" section below.
2. Open the Zoom app on your device.
3. Click Join a Meeting.
4. Enter the Meeting ID and click Join Meeting.
5. Enter the meeting password and click OK.
6. On the Video Preview screen, click Join with Video.
7. A menu will appear in the lower left corner of the screen offering audio options. Click Call via Device Audio.

Zoom may ask for permission to access your camera or microphone. Click OK or Allow as needed.

From an iPad or iPhone

For iPhones or iPads, you will need to install the free Zoom app from the App Store.

1. Find the teacher's Meeting ID and Password in the "Connect With" section below.
2. Open the Zoom app on your device.
3. Click Join a Meeting.
4. Enter the Meeting ID.
5. In the Screen Name box, enter your name.
6. Click Join.
7. Enter the meeting password and click Continue.
8. On the Video Preview screen, click Join with Video.
9. Click Call using Internet Audio.

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We will send this information weekly, with updates on when our weekly Zoom meetings will be held. If you have any questions, please let me know!

Thank you,

Mrs. Fox