



# SPRING RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Learn @ Home Day Information

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Dear Spring Ridge Community,

As you may know, Frederick County Public Schools (FCPS) has been approved by the Maryland State Department of Education to implement up to three virtual instructional days in lieu of systemwide closure during inclement weather. While not necessarily the first option, the Learning @ Home days provide FCPS flexibility in responding to various weather emergencies. In developing the FCPS plan, our goal is to: mitigate disruption to learning mid-year; minimize additional days that often need to be added at the end of the school year; and keep students connected to learning in the event of an extended closure.

As a result, our school has been engaged in planning and preparation for this possibility, to ensure full readiness if a virtual instruction day were to be implemented. Here's what you need to know and how you can help your child prepare:

- **Instructional Activities:** All assignments will be independent and self-paced (asynchronous). You can expect approximately 20-30 minutes per subject area, that students can complete at a time that works for them or the household. Assignments and activities will be review and practice, not new content. In many cases, students will have choice in selecting the instructional activity. Please note that the design of these instructional days does not require students to follow a typical school or "live" virtual schedule.
  - All assignments will be posted in Schoology, for digital access or for a copy of printed packet that will also be available.
  - Assignments will include instructional activities aligned to the curriculum, as provided by FCPS or assigned by your child's teacher.
- **Grades PreK-2:** The default format for PreK-2 is a printed packet, which will be sent home with your child. For students with access at home, assignments will also be posted in Schoology and may include options for accessing digital instruction through programs such as i-Ready and Lexia.
- **Grades 3-5:** FCPS Chromebooks, if requested, will be distributed to your child prior to the implementation of a virtual learning day. Assignments will be posted in Schoology. Printed packets will be available if requested by student or parent/guardian.
- **Attendance:** Students will be counted as "present" by logging into Schoology on the virtual learning day or turning in assignments upon return to school. Students who

were unable to access the instructional activities during the virtual learning day will be provided with additional time.

- **Support:** During a Learning @ Home Day, our staff will be available to provide “live” support to students during the day via Google Meet, in an Office Hours format. This is **optional for students and not required**. See schedule below.
- You may go to <https://meet.google.com/>
- You will then put in the code under the “enter the code” box.
- This is NOT a requirement. Just if you need support or have questions.

<b>Grade Level/Subject</b>	<b>Office Hours Time</b>	<b>Google Meet Link</b>	<b>Teacher on Link</b>
PreK and K	10:15-11:00	sresprek	Mrs. Brohawn
1	10:30-11:15	sres1	Mrs. Vitak
2	11:15-12:00	sres2	Mrs. Dayhoff
3	1:00-1:45	sres3	Mrs. Farnsworth
4 and 5	1:30-2:15	sres4and5	Ms. Nori

In addition, students needing support can also send an email to their teacher.

Please note that in the event of a virtual instructional day, FCPS will provide communication and notice well in advance of any predicted inclement weather to ensure that schools, students, and families are aware of this possibility and are fully prepared. Again, this communication is to assist in planning and preparation for this possibility that may be utilized in the future based on a multitude of factors. I will keep you fully informed as we move forward in planning.

Sincerely,

Jason Bowers  
Principal