

Greetings Parents,

GATEWAY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL NEELANKARAI HOME SCHOOLING

Hope my letter finds you in good health and high spirits. When the entire globe is going through crisis, we parents at home go through difficult situations to manage kids, keeping them engaged, drawing their attention in small things, developing the rhythm of learning at home. Its indeed challenging but we are here to make your task easier and way more interesting through our "Home schooling concepts". At GISN we believe that parents /Guardians are an integral part of our structure to furnish the wholesome developmental assistance for our students The entire team of GISN will travel along with you virtually for next one month providing different strategies and planner for home schooling which will fetch the right academic need of the child at the same time provide a balanced teaching of sustainable development.

Before proceeding to the planner and the schedule let's have a quick look which can be incorporated beyond home-schooling:

1. Don't find a way out- Let them get bored:

Kids are used to having lots of structured activities and near constant visual stimuli at their finger-tips. Letting them sit with the discomfort of boredom may be really hard at first- for all of you- but it's worth it to let them struggle. Imagination, creativity, and self-discovery blossom during bore doom.

2. Lean into reading:

Maintaining and building reading skills will serve students at every level. While younger kids love being read to by a parent, you don't have to do it all. Try to download audio books which helps their thoughts to fly sky high at the same time develop imaginative skills, enhance vocabulary and above all create a habit to listen peacefully before reacting.

3. <u>Don't forget home economics, home science, home geography and a blend of home art:</u> We all are familiar with the idea of getting lost in home skills when children are alone for a day at home or they are away from parents where they are unable to manage the most basic household tasks. This is the perfect time for them to learn key life skills such as cleaning the utensils, fireless cooking , arranging the fruit salad tray , offering medicines time to time to the elders or old people at home, laundry and ironing , cleaning their own wardrobe every week, pet care, car washing , techniques to remove stains from the dresses, to design their own room interior with whatever available around , cleaning the garden , gardening , living room décor, a canvass of their own colors and so on. They just need a push from us and the real creative aura will surely keep you spell bound.

- 4. <u>Be Specific with Screen Time:</u> It's indeed helpful to separate their "home schooling" screen-time with their leisure screen time so that you can watch and monitor if the internet assistance is misused.
- 5. Let kids feel independent, please respect their feelings too:

Social –Emotional skills are at the core of all meaningful learning and are keys to our overall well-being. While our kids may not have access to ideal instruction in their academic subjects, they can still learn essential emotional literacy skills that will serve them their entire lives. Let's remember learning happens every-where and emotional wellbeing gives them edge to be responsible independent and a skilled personality in future. Hence offer them their portion of independence, share mutual respect at home, trust them so that they can prove you right by being responsible. Teenagers can also be included in their parents financial balancing and budgeting. Teach them how to do online payments or handle internet banking or order veggies online and track them later.

<u>"Our kids are going to remember this moment forever. Teaching</u> them how to weather a crisis just may be the most important lesson they ever learn".

Best Regards Principal