



# Our News

## KSC Head Start

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### Director's News: E-learning for Preschool

E-learning...remote learning...virtual learning....all these terms can be a bit confusing!

For Kokomo Schools, virtual learning is meant to be a long-term educational program choice where students in grades K-12 receive daily instruction up to 5 hours a day from their teacher via computer/tablet. These students have chosen to work from home for the entire grading period or even year. Virtual learning is not currently an option for preschool or Head Start.

E-learning is meant to be short periods of times, often a few days or weeks, when all students work from home. Teachers provide learning opportunities through videos and other links and students work to complete daily assignments. E-learning is not as involved as virtual learning, but still takes an investment of time in order for students to keep working on skills.

If Head Start has e-learning days, you can expect an announcement from your child's teacher in SeeSaw. Each teacher will post videos and activities for students to work on at home with the help of an older sibling or adult family member. If you are unable to join Seesaw, be sure you have reached out to your teacher to find another way to communicate. Your teacher may send home a choice board or small packet of activities. These learning opportunities will focus on the most important skills to ensure your child is Kindergarten ready. Here are some tips to help with e-learning:

**\*Young children need routines and structure--make a simple plan for days at home**

**\*Read, Read, and Read--Reading to your child is one of the best things you can do every day!**

**\*Remember children learn through play--make it fun, play a game, explore together.**

**\*Preschool is meant to be hands-on and active--limit "worksheet" type activities---it's better to play and learn with hands-on activities like playdough, games, crafts, toys, going outside, etc.**

**\*Keep it short---you may have older kids doing work for hours a day; preschool attention spans are much shorter. Work in chunks of 10-15 minutes.**

**\*Turn work into play--have kids help you cook, match socks, count toys as they clean up, or sing the alphabet song as you work.**

**\*Let their interests guide their work--If your child loves dinosaurs, or princesses, or the color blue---find ways to incorporate what they like into their e-learning each day.**

**\*Be mindful of screen time--There are some great education websites and apps out there--but use in small bits. Videos and online sites are best when watched with an adult for interaction. The screen will never replace face-to-face interaction time.**

**\*Have fun--enjoy the extra time with your child and enjoy your days!**

### STAY CONNECTED!



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Portal with Seesaw



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Visit our website <https://dchs.kokomoschools.com/>

## Important Dates to Remember--Darrough Chapel

November

23-24-25: E-learning for students

24: Virtual Family Partnership Team Meeting 1pm

26-27: No School--Thanksgiving Break



\*\*\*Winter Break is Dec 21-Jan 8th\*\*\*

### 2020-21 Calendar Changes

In order to continue providing the best supports to students during the COVID pandemic, calendar changes throughout the year are likely. You will always be notified of changes by call, text, or email. Additionally updated calendars will be posted on the Kokomo School Corporation Website. KSC Head Start will follow the calendar of Kokomo School Corporation for e-learning and/or closures.

Important upcoming changes to note:

\*E-learning the week of Nov. 23rd on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday

\*Winter Break will be December 21 through Jan 8 (3 weeks)

### Watch for our Monthly Virtual Family Activity!

Great job to all our families who turned in entries for October.

Watch for our November flier, video, book, and craft soon!



### Thank you to all families who joined our 2nd virtual Family Partnership Team Meeting in October!

We appreciate your involvement! All parents & guardians are encouraged to be an active part of this team. We had a great presentation and shared resources from Mental Health America. Our next virtual meeting will be Nov. 24th at 1pm.

Watch for flier with log-in code.



### Job Opportunities

KSC Head Start is currently hiring bus aides, cafe' aides and substitute aides. If you are looking for a fun part-time position that works well with your child's time in school, this might be a great fit. Please see the Kokomo Schools website or contact Mrs. Wright or Mrs. Wonnell for more info.

### November/December Character Trait Self-Control Snake

**Self-Control:** Breathe; stay calm; take care of your own words and actions; choose to do the right thing



### Reminder!

In order to protect the health and safety of all our students, families, and staff, please remember all adults should wear a mask at arrival and dismissal times.



**THANK YOU FOR MASKING UP!**

### Spanish Terms

Brother = hermano

Sister = hermana

Mom = mamá

Dad = papá

