

# **Is an online only school option right for my child?**

There are many factors a parent should consider before placing their child in a remote learning program. Below we have compiled a list of these factors to assist parents in making the right decision for their child.

## **Reading Skills**

Good reading skills will be a major factor of a child's success in remote learning program. How well does my child read? If the child can read quickly and well, they will likely have a positive experience with the remote learning program.

## **Fine Motor Skills**

With a great deal of work being done on a computer, the child must have the ability to effectively handle a mouse and keyboard.

## **Focus**

This program requires children to have the self-discipline and ability to focus on activities and Zoom sessions for at least 30 minutes at a time.

## **Accessing Zoom and Google Classroom**

It might be necessary for parents to help their child log onto Zoom or Google classroom several times. Please be aware that your assistance might be needed, especially for younger children.

## **Internet Safety**

Parents are encouraged to discuss internet safety with their child, especially if the child will be unsupervised online for any significant amount of time.

## **Parental Involvement**

We will provide a full learning program but cannot supervise children remotely. Therefore, the nature of a remote learning program requires supervision and participation from the parent or home custodian. This includes anything from accessing the programs like Zoom to helping the child complete projects that might require adult assistance. In general, we estimate that each child requires a total of approximately three hours per day in adult assistance at home. This is not consecutive time, but in total throughout the course of the school day. The younger the child, the more adult supervision they will need.