



Camp Captivate

Welcome to Explorers! (age 5 - 7) Technology Tips for Success

June 2021

Hello Parents,

Thank you for choosing Camp Captivate! We have an excellent week of art and science and history projects planned for your child!

Zoom meeting codes (invitation) will be shared the weekend before the start of your camp.

Before the first meeting:

- Check that you have everything that is included in the packing list. Some materials will be used everyday, some materials will be used only on certain days. Your child should have their Camp Captivate notebook and a writing utensil for every session.
- Prepare a lab station for your child to work. Some of the activities can be messy! Find a location where you are okay with your child doing art and messy stuff. Your child will need to have enough space to do stuff. You may consider setting up a table outside, since some activities may be wet or messy and require a large working area.

Meetings

- Log into Zoom at least 10-15 minutes before the start time of class each day to test connection and familiarize your child with Zoom controls.
- **When logging into Zoom, make sure that you enter the student's full name. We recognize that students may be on shared devices but it is important that the student's full name is entered on Zoom so that we can take roll and communicate with students efficiently.**
- Be ON TIME please, as the teacher will only admit students during the first 10 minutes of the day.
- Use the same Zoom link for class each day! This link will be emailed to you by the director.
- **Be within eyeshot and earshot of your child at all times. Little ones may need parental help from time to time. The program is set up to be as independent as possible, with a live teacher and custom kits, but the reality is that on occasion young children may need parental involvement.**

If you experience technical difficulties during a session:

- Sign back into Zoom using the same code each day. Our staff will let the child back into the class as soon as possible. **The teacher will not pause instruction.** The teacher will repeat instruction for students with technical difficulties whenever possible during the live class.
- If technical issues cause you to miss a half hour of class, recorded classes are available to those experiencing connection issues.
- If the teacher is experiencing technical difficulties and the session ends prematurely, we will attempt to have another teacher step in to lead the class instead.
- **Technical Support** - contact director, Ildiko Stennis
 - ildiko@sciencesmarkids.com or call 408-785-0121
 - Mildred Garcia at idyedg120@gmail.com

Tips on Setting up a Distance Learning Work Space

- Have a large cleared off table. If there is a “messy project”, a fold up table outside may be preferable.
- Make sure all electronic devices (laptops, etc.) are fully charged.
- Put the laptop on a box so that it is elevated above the workspace to protect electronics from spills.
- Cover the table with newspaper or plastic to protect the table’s surface.
- Have a waste can nearby.
- Have pre-packed snacks and drinks nearby.
- Have clear floor space nearby for “Morning Movement” and “wiggle breaks”
- Have baby wipes and hand sanitizer at the workspace, or access to a sink with soap and water for hand washing.
- Have paper towels and tissues handy at the workspace.
- Use headsets and microphones, if available, to tune out distractions.
- Make sure your child has a comfortable chair. Use a cushion if needed.
- Collect basic school tools: markers, colored pencils, scissors, ruler

Daily Schedule Explorers

Lots of movement and wiggle breaks with some coloring book breaks are woven into the following schedule:

9:00 – 9:30: Circle Time & Fitness Fun

9:30 – 10:30 Art

10:30 – 11:00: Snack/Recess

11:00 – 11:45: Science/History

11:45 – 12:00: Story Time Link