

Miss Sleaford's Virtual Kindergarten Classroom

I am so excited to welcome you to my classroom! I know we're in unprecedented times, but if we work through it together we can really make a difference to our children. Below you will find several things that will help make virtual learning with me a little easier. Please let me know if you have any questions or need any technology assistance.

My Contact Information

I will seldom be at the school (Lake Hills), as I will be social distancing from my office at home. If you need to contact me, please use the following methods.

Email: jsleaford@mcas.k12.in.us

Phone: (219) 402-0516 (call/text, this is probably the fastest way to contact me)

ClassDojo: message me directly from a parent/guardian profile (also one of the faster ways to contact me)

Our Zoom Link: <https://mcas-k12-in-us.zoom.us/j/7161209167> We will use this link for class every day.

Our Google Meet Link: <https://meet.google.com/lookup/eyurk74j4d>
We will only use this link in the event that Zoom stops working for some reason. I will notify parents via ClassDojo if this is ever the case. Do not use this link for class each day.

Logging In: The First Time Ever (Tablet & Chromebook)

Use this information to log into the student's tablet for the first time ever. You shouldn't need to do this again, unless the student has logged themselves out of their tablet completely. Parents received their student's login information from the school already. If the student doesn't have it or remember it, please contact me.

1. Enter the student's username into the first box that appears. It asks for an email address, but it's just their username.
2. In the second box, enter the student's password.
3. Log in complete! Your tablet is ready to use.

Logging in for School Each Day

You will need this information to log the student in for class each day. We work mostly out of Clever, so the students don't have to log into a bunch of different websites. It's the blue 'C' located in their web browser. Below you'll find the steps needed to log on each day.

1. Open **Chrome**. It'll be the rainbow circle.
2. Find the **blue 'C'** at the top of the screen and click on it.
3. Log the student in with their username and password.
4. Click on the **Purple Kangaroo**.
5. Our Zoom link for each day is connected here. Just click, enter the student's name, and it'll take you to the Zoom call.

To Get to Seesaw

1. Click on the **Seesaw app** listed on the **Purple Kangaroo Page** in **Clever**. The student will be automatically logged into Seesaw.
2. In the top left hand corner, **click on the student's name**. A list of classes will be displayed. Locate the one that says '**1. Miss Sleaford's Kindergarten**.' It will have the apple as the picture.
3. All homework and assignments will be posted in the 'Activities' tab.
4. Any messages will be in the 'Inbox' tab.

Some Helpful Tips & Information

Below you'll find some helpful tips and information for Virtual Learning.

1. My students have access to **ABCmouse** through my classroom! This is listed on the **Purple Kangaroo page on Clever**. Click ABCmouse and select the student's name.
2. My students also have access to **Epic!** This is a website for 1000s of online books that they can read or have read to them. It is also listed on the **Purple Kangaroo page on Clever**. Enter our class code **cr19623** and click on the student's name. I've taken the

liberty of doing their initial login, but this is the method I used for each student I have.

3. The **Purple Kangaroo page** has many tools for my students to use. There's also other resources provided by the district on **Clever**. Feel free to explore the virtual tools when you and the student have free time.
4. **CHARGE YOUR TABLET OR CHROMEBOOK EVERY NIGHT!** I can't stress this enough. These tools are an important part of our learning experience. They're needed every day. It's okay to play and explore, but remember that they are also a tool for your student to use.
5. Pick a comfy spot to learn and have all of your materials handy (paper, pencils, textbooks, etc.). We want to set ourselves up for success, even if we're learning from somewhere other than the classroom.
6. Contact me immediately if you're having a technical issue! I'll try to help you remotely as best I can. If we can't figure it out remotely, we will find another way **SAFELY**. I'm here for you, as well as your student.
7. Most importantly, **BREATHE** and give your student, your child's teacher, and especially yourself the grace we all deserve. This isn't going to be easy at first, but we're in it together. Please reach out if you have any questions. No question is stupid and you probably have one that someone else might need answered.

**It's going to be a great year! Let's make our kids amazing
Explorers of Learning!**

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