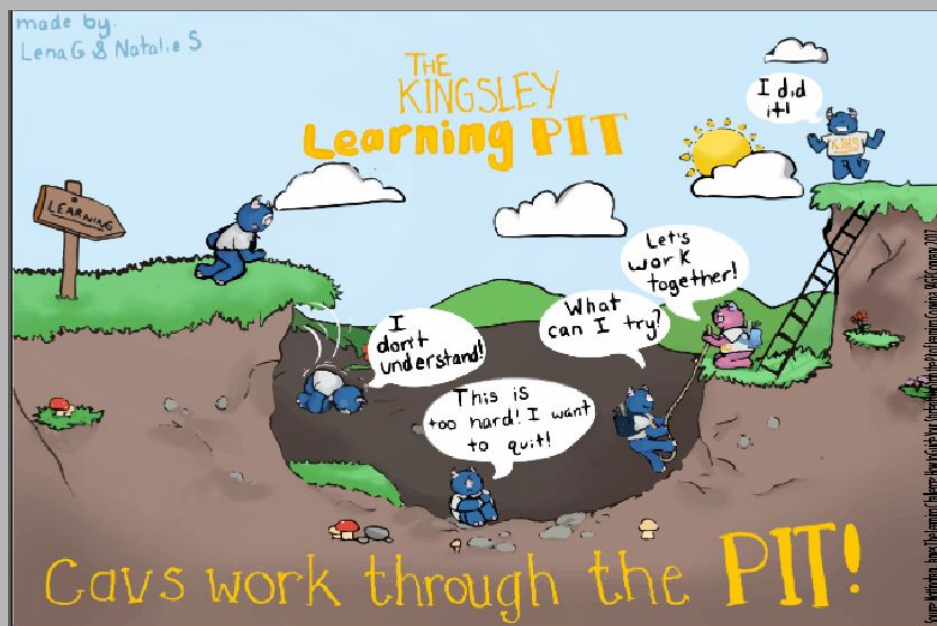


The Learning Pit, Remote Learning, Care & Grace



Since August, we have talked with students about **growing by embracing challenges** and have used **The Learning Pit**, to the left, to guide our conversations. When we introduced the **Learning Pit**, we did not expect that we would need to embrace the challenges a pandemic brings.

The character in our **Learning Pit** joyfully bounds into learning only to be surprised by some of the feelings it faces during the learning

process. But, the character, like you, **does not need to do it alone.** **“Let’s work together!”**

While we adventure into the **Remote Learning Pit**, “let’s work together!” It is new for everyone. #innovation Let’s extend grace, to ourselves and others, while we learn together. #growth

As we begin this journey, there may be bumps along the way. If you don’t understand something or want to quit, like the character in *The Learning Pit*, pause, breathe, take a break and/or ask for help. *The Kingsley staff is physically distanced but we still want to connect and support you in the Remote Learning Pit.* #community

As a staff, we keep saying to one another...

What do we want our Middles to remember the most about this time? Here is what we decided:

- we care, #KingsleyCares
- we extend grace to one another and to ourselves and
- learning can take many interesting forms.

We know that our Middles are learning from this experience. Yes, they are learning different lessons than we originally planned. *But just what are our Middles learning? Are they learning how to slow down, cope with boredom, separate wants from needs, communicate clearly, how we care for one another through challenges, how to ask for and grant forgiveness & that family is there for one another always? Isn’t that learning too?*

What to expect from Remote Learning?

- **Learn @ Your Convenience:** These circumstances require great flexibility so our Middles do not have a bell schedule. Assignments may be completed anytime during the day or night but please do your best to adhere to due dates. *Teachers are available daily 8:45 - 1:45.*
- **Work time:** Daily students will likely spend 90-180 minutes with regular breaks. They may spend longer initially as this learning format is new.
- **Assignments:** Teachers have communicated specifics but in general, students will check their Google Classrooms and Team/teacher websites for learning materials and assignments. Teacher websites are found under "Academics" on the [Kingsley website](#).
- **Communication:** Teachers will be available via email and may schedule optional "office hours" using video conferencing. Students will get more email during Remote Learning.
- **Content:** We spent many days carefully selecting the most critical content and will focus on that material.

How can we promote good Remote Learning habits? Use the [Kingsley Remote Learning Guide](#) to develop a daily routine and be mindful of digital citizenship. Staff will be using this infographic with students too! #together #takesavillage

What if we have struggles with my student's device? This may happen but we're ready! The U5 Technology Department will be at the **Kingsley bus lane weekdays through April 6 from 9 - 11 a.m.** to help. Drive up, roll down your window and someone will come to your car, but not too close, to help.

Remote Learning Feedback When all of us - students, parents & staff - try something new, like Remote Learning, there will be grows & glows. (Most students are familiar with grows & glows.) Grows are areas to tweak or overhaul and glows are things we want to keep doing. As we move into Remote Learning, we will seek your feedback to grow and glow.

U5 Remote Learning Resources [Parent Site](#)

We're here for you! Request a check in with a school counselor [here](#). Ms Johnson, student last names A-N & Mr. Wood, student last names L-Z, are available 8:45-1:45 Monday through Friday. They will do their best to get back to you in a timely manner but we ask your patience as we are not certain of the number of students who will reach out to them.

Grab & Go Meals [Here](#) is detailed information for meal pick up through Monday, April 6. Any child ages 0-18 is eligible for breakfast and lunch daily.

I critically need...& it's at school! If there is an item of critical need at Kingsley, please [email Ms. France](#).

NCHS Student Council Are you looking for a way to get involved in high school next year? If so, NCHS Student Council is the answer! Just [submit this form](#) by Friday, April 17th. We hope you consider joining some of our school's strongest leaders! If you have any questions, feel free to email Mrs. Ince at incea@unit5.org