



# JAMES IRWIN CHARTER ACADEMY

Character Development and Academic Excellence

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March 27, 2020

Dear JICA Parents and Guardians,

It is my great pleasure to connect with you as we conquer the challenges that lay ahead of us due to the current situation in our state, nation and our world. As you know, Governor Polis issued an Executive Order stating that students in Colorado will not be attending school in person until April 20, 2020. We miss our JICA students and families deeply and we are committed to remain connected and be your partners in providing for your child(ren)'s educational needs.

In partnership with our leadership and JICA staff, we have developed a Distance Learning format to meet our student's educational needs. Starting **March 31<sup>st</sup>** you will be able to access your student's reading, math and grammar assignments in Infinite Campus through your parent portal utilizing a **cellphone, tablet or computer**. The steps to access student portals are listed below.

Kindergarten and Grade 1 students will have video reading lessons and worksheets to complete. Khan Academy Math will be used in lieu of Connecting Math Concepts and teachers will post those assignments and quizzes accordingly. Additionally, Grade 1 students can expect video grammar lessons and assignments with instructions in their portal.

Grades 2-5 students will continue their novel studies with assignments for specific days of the week. Teachers will provide video instruction for novels, Saxon math, and grammar lessons and upload them with assignment instructions. Further, composition assignments with instructions will be uploaded as well.

Steps to access the student portal:

The URL to login to Campus Student is –

[https://jamesirwinco.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/students/james\\_irwin.jsp](https://jamesirwinco.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/students/james_irwin.jsp)

The default login credentials for students are –

Username is the student number (The student number can be found in your IC parent portal next to your student's information)

Password is lastnamemmdyy

For example: smith060212 (student with last name of Smith and birthdate of June 2, 2012)



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The maximum number of characters for the last name is 15. The password should have no capitals, no hyphens, and no spaces. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's classroom teacher or to me if you have difficulties with this process. We are here for you!

We look forward to partnering with you in this new adventure in distance learning. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have questions or need assistance in any way. It is our hope that this will be a smooth transition for all involved as we extend mutual grace while adjusting to a new learning style for our JICA families. Together we can face any challenge and ultimately overcome. I am confident that we shall overcome and come out of these unprecedented times stronger, wiser, and more courageous than ever.

Sincerely,



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Attachment: Sample JICA Distance Learning Plan

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## JICA Distance Learning Parent Expectations

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Please see some guidelines for success for JICA distance learning:

1. Set up Infinite Campus Portal
2. Ensure classroom teacher has updated phone number and/or email address
3. Check email and Infinite Campus portal each day
4. Ensure that child(ren) view instructional videos (These videos will not exceed 15 minutes)
5. Have a regular scheduled time for video instruction and homework each day. This will provide a sense of consistency for our students.
  - a. If you have multiple students and one computer you may want to assign each child a specific time to do their school work.
6. Print or open worksheets (Assignments for each subject should not exceed 15-20 minutes)
  - a. Complete assignments on IC (2-5) or Khan Academy (K -1)
  - b. Take pictures of completed work or proof of completed work and email back to the classroom teacher. These can also be scanned in one document through the App CamScanner, FastScanner, or similar App.
    - i. K worksheets
    - ii. Grammar Assignments (1-5)
    - iii. Paragraph assignments for 2-5
7. There will be work for reading, writing and math (PRIORITY)
  - a. This should take no more than 1-2 hours to complete
8. There may be work for history, science, character, art, music, P.E., etc. (OPTIONAL)
  - a. Some of this content may not be covered this school year if it is not done over distance learning.
9. Classroom teachers will have virtual hours to answer any questions you may have about assignments. Those hours are: 8:00am-9:00am and 3:00pm-4:00pm.
  - a. During these hours you can expect an immediate response. Emails sent between 9:00am-3:00pm will be answered at the next available virtual hour time.
10. If you have difficulties completing assignments on IC, please contact teacher to make arrangements to write down answers and email them to teacher. We want to meet each family where they are in order to deliver the best education we can to your students.



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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject	Directions	Parent Initials
Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Instructional Video Link:</li> <li>b. Power Reading:</li> <li>c. Story Reading:</li> <li>d. Vocabulary:</li> <li>e. Workbook:</li> <li>f. Other:</li> </ul>	
Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Instructional Video Link:</li> <li>b. Workbook:</li> <li>c. Other:</li> </ul>	
Math	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Lesson # _____</li> <li>b. Instructional Video Link:</li> <li>c. Written Practice or Mixed Practice Problems:</li> </ul>	
<i>Complete the following <u>after</u> Reading/Writing/Math...</i>		
History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Instructional Video Link:</li> <li>b. Reading:</li> <li>c. Worksheet:</li> </ul>	
Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Instructional Video Link:</li> <li>b. Read Lesson:</li> <li>c. Worksheet:</li> </ul>	
Art	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Instructional Video Link:</li> <li>b. Worksheet/Project:</li> </ul>	
Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Instructional Video Link:</li> <li>b. Worksheet:</li> </ul>	
Physical Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Instructional Video Link:</li> <li>b. Worksheet:</li> </ul>	
Spelling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Assignment for word list:</li> </ul>	
Character	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Character Trait:</li> <li>b. Activity:</li> </ul>	