



Information for Parents from the Teacher Perspective

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Canvas 101

What is it?

Canvas is a Learning Management System (LMS) that teachers will be using to deliver instruction to students. Think of it like a filing cabinet for your students.

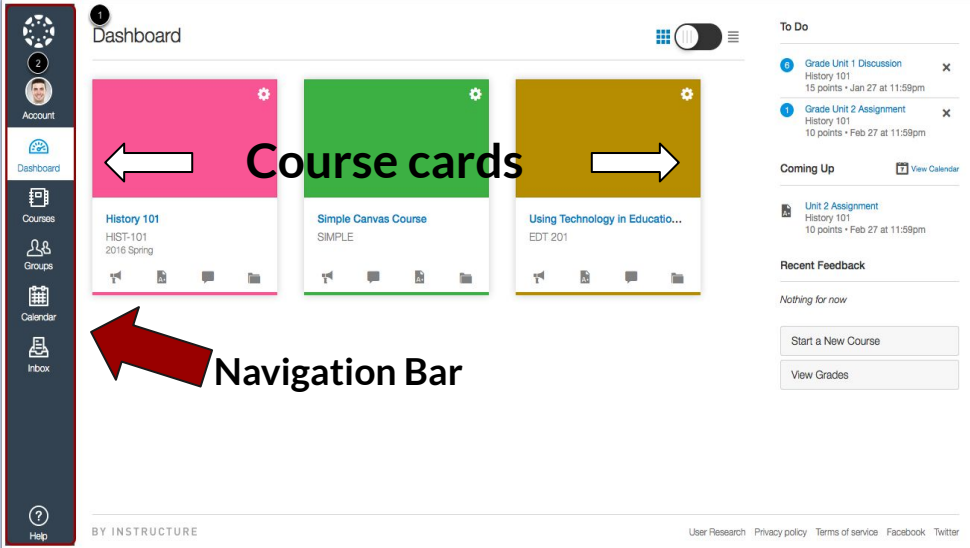
How does it work?

It is web-based. Your child will be provided a device for use during this school year. JK students will receive tablets. Kindergarten and 1st grade will have a touchscreen Chromebook. Grades 2-5 will have a Chromebook. More information will be provided during the pre-school Open House days.

What will my child see?

This will differ depending on grade and teacher. Work will be assigned through days of the week buttons in language arts and math for JK-5. Science and Social Studies will be included in grades 3-5.

Dashboard View



The screenshot displays the Canvas Dashboard interface. On the left is a dark navigation bar with icons for Account, Dashboard, Courses, Groups, Calendar, Inbox, and Help. The main content area is titled 'Dashboard' and features three course cards: 'History 101' (pink), 'Simple Canvas Course' (green), and 'Using Technology in Educatio...' (yellow). A red arrow points to the navigation bar, and two white arrows point to the course cards. On the right, there are sections for 'To Do' (listing 'Grade Unit 1 Discussion' and 'Grade Unit 2 Assignment'), 'Coming Up' (listing 'Unit 2 Assignment'), and 'Recent Feedback' (with 'Nothing for now'). At the bottom, there are buttons for 'Start a New Course' and 'View Grades', and a footer with 'BY INSTRUCTURE' and various links.

This is the Canvas Dashboard.

There is a navigation bar to the left.

Students will mostly be using the Course cards.

Course cards will lead to student work.

The dashboard will be similar for grades JK-5.

Course View

LanguageArts1 - Thompson

Home

Grades

Google Drive

Welcome to All Things Reading!

Monday Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday Friday

You are currently logged into Student View

Reset Student Leave Student View

This is the student view of a course.

You get here by clicking a course card on the dashboard.

The navigation bar is the same.

The pictures will vary by teacher.

Work will be organized by day.



Other Tools

- **Benchmark** is our new themed reading series. All students will focus on the same topic for 3 weeks at a time!
- **American Reading Company** will allow teachers to monitor independent reading growth and provide digital leveled reading practice.
- **Seesaw** is an app that will allow students to submit work to teachers and provide communication between teachers and families.
- **IXL** provides practice in reading, math, science, and social studies
- **Big Brainz** provides math fact practice in +, -, x, /.
- **Think Central** gives online resources for our math program.
- **Epic** provides students with additional reading material on their reading level.
- **Raz Kids** is new to us this year and provides additional leveled reading practice.



Virtual vs. In-Person

In Person Instruction	Virtual Instruction	Both
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Small group instruction● Additional resources beyond the chromebook● Feedback from peers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Extra skills practice● Virtual resources● Flexibility● Zoom/Google Meet length will be appropriate for age of student.● Whole school day will NOT be streamed.● Sessions will be recorded.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Variance based on teacher● Quality Education● Skills practice● Whole group instruction



Technical Support



- Go to Callaghan Elementary Website and click on link for “CES Troubleshooting Help Desk.”
- Decide if the problem is “Instructional” (teacher assignment issue) or “Technical” (equipment issue).
- [Show example of Google Form]
- Fill out answers to ALL questions.
- Someone will contact you as soon as possible.
- Please be patient with faculty and staff...this is new to EVERYONE! But we will all get through this TOGETHER!



Expectations for Parents

- Remind your children to charge their Chromebook EVERY night.
- Make sure they bring their Chromebook to school EVERY day they're assigned.
- Dedicate a space in your house for them to work.
- Make sure they have the materials they need.
- Stick to a daily schedule for school work.
- Monitor student health/symptoms. Keep sick students home!
- Speak positively about school!
- Have patience as we go through this together.
- Let students make mistakes! It's how they learn.



Expectations for Students

- Chromebooks & Chargers
 - Chromebooks must be charged every night.
 - Please send chargers to school on students “in class” days.
- Start virtual meetings on time and on mute!
- Transporting necessary materials to and from home and school (this will vary per grade level, your child’s teacher will tell you what needs to travel back and forth.)
- Positive attitude
- Willingness to learn every day
- Grace for parents and teachers
- Do your own work! Mistakes are welcomed!
- Wear appropriate clothes for school and virtual meetings.



Expectations for Teachers

- Reminders about Chromebooks and Chargers
- Daily contact w/ students
- Equality of education virtual and in person
- Set reasonable goals for student learning
- Communication with students and parents
- Keep students safe while at school
- Grace with students and parents



Attendance

- Daily Attendance
 - Virtual Days may use Canvas, Seesaw, text, email, etc. for attendance. Teachers will let you know their preferred method.
 - Not checking in on your virtual days will be counted as an absence.
 - In Person Days- Coming to school on time on your assigned days is **crucial**.
 - Not coming to school on your scheduled “A” or “B” days will count as an absence (unless you have opted to be completely virtual and have already notified the school.)
- Teachers will have set “office” hours so that parents and students can communicate with them if questions arise. Teachers will share this information with you, it will vary per teacher.



Overwhelmed? Concerned?

So are we!

We know students did not finish last school year.

We will meet them where they are academically.

We will help them grow and learn.

We will help them (and you) figure out virtual learning.

We can do this **TOGETHER!**