



# *Taylor Mills School*

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you are aware from correspondence from your child's teacher which you should have received this week, a Google Classroom has been created for all classrooms. In the mailing or email you received from your child's teacher, directions were provided as to how to "join" a Google Classroom. We kindly ask that you connect your child to all relevant Google Classrooms BEFORE September 8th to be ready for the first day of school.

Google Classroom is an interactive platform for students to work collaboratively together in school and at home. It allows the teacher to post assignments and important information related to classroom instruction and upcoming events and/or activities. Each day, students will be required to complete the assignments scheduled for them by their teacher(s).

**Students will begin their virtual school day by accessing ClassLink FIRST, and then selecting the Google Classroom icon.** We kindly ask that you practice logging in to Classlink BEFORE September 8th to ensure a successful start to the school year.

To access ClassLink:

- Go to <http://myclasslink.com/mersnj>.
- Log into ClassLink with your child's school email (minus the @mersnj.us extension) and password (Student ID or what they kids know as their "lunch code"). Your child's MERS email address can be found on the Genesis Parent Portal under the contacts screen. The password is your child's Student ID.
- **Again, please note that when logging into Classlink, do not include the @mersnj.us in the username.**
- After logging in to ClassLink, THEN click the Google Classroom icon.
- Please be advised that we suggest using a tablet, iPad, or computer (Chrome Book, laptop, desktop, etc.) as a SMARTphone is not ideal for many of the suggested activities.

In Google Classroom, teachers can assign work to students digitally. Students may be asked to submit assignments to the teacher online, and he/she can then review the student's work and provide feedback with comments, edits, suggestions, and/or grades. Students may also be able to interact with the teacher and their peers through the Google platform. Please be advised that there may also be assignments where students are asked to use paper, a notebook, or a practice book provided by the teacher.

As a parent/guardian, you can log in using your child's credentials to see what assignments have been sent to your child; you can see whether your child has completed the assignments; and you can monitor their progress and performance on these tasks.

Your child's email address and student ID number can be found in the Genesis Parent Portal in the contacts section & summary section respectively. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher for more information about Classlink, his/her Google Classroom and your child's login credentials.

Respectfully,  
Kerry Marsala, *Principal*