

Wednesday March 25, 2020

Good morning, Creekers!

This month's Creekers' Code is

**Empathy.**

Empathy is the ability to understand how someone else is feeling. It is the ability to “put yourself in someone else’s shoes” and to understand the way a situation might make them feel.

Here is a quote about Empathy.



Today, don't judge others or judge yourself!

*Wednesday- It's National Medal of Honor Day!*

*Let's thank our military citizens.*



## Creating a Workstation for Distance Learning



### CREATING A WORKSTATION

It's important that you give your kids the right study environment at home if you want them to be successful.

### CHOOSING A WORKSTATION

Where does your kid do his/her schoolwork? At the kitchen table? In front of the television? Hidden away in a dark corner of the bedroom? Or perhaps your child studies in a different location every night, misplacing papers and spreading school supplies all over the house? Every child should have a quiet, undisturbed, and DEDICATED location for studying. Kids don't require much space — even a small niche is fine as long as it is away from noise and distraction, has comfortable seating, good lighting, and offers enough room to spread out. If you simply can't designate a permanent workstation, set up a rolling cart so your child can easily take his papers and supplies from place to place — every student should have a study space of some kind to call their own. Help your child create their own study station.

### SETTING UP THE SUPPLIES

The school supplies a child needs depend a great deal on his grade and classes. But every workstation should be equipped with the basics. Writing implements and art supplies can be stored in a series of small plastic drawers — one for markers, one for pens, one for pencils, one for paintbrushes, etc. Loose paper works best when placed in stacking trays — computer paper in one, notebook paper in another, construction paper in a third. All those little loose supplies (like scissors, tape, rulers, protractors, staplers, etc.) can be stored in labeled shoebox-style containers. And don't forget a solid set of bookends for holding up schoolbooks, binders, and notebooks.

### COLOR CODING IS KEY

It can be hard to keep all the materials for one subject together — so the trick is to color code. Choose a different color for each class — say, math is blue, reading is orange, and science is green. For math class, your child would have a blue pocket folder (the left side for new assignments, the right side for completed work), a blue textbook cover, a blue pouch for any class-specific school supplies, and possibly a blue poly envelope or expanding wallet for larger materials. Now it's easy for kids (and parents) to be organized.

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