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The Newfoundland and Labrador English School District is launching a resource to assist and guide families with continued learning opportunities while in-school instruction remains suspended. The resource, **Learning at Home: Good at Learning-Good at Life** (<u>http://learningathome.nlesd.ca</u>) is a Google site, a platform familiar to our students and staff. The site will provide opportunities to foster a passion for learning through engaging online and offline adventures and activities.

For now, there is no expectation for families to be teachers and there is no expectation for teachers to assign grades or values to any work students complete while they are at home. However, students are encouraged to share their learning and routines with their teachers for feedback. This resource is in addition to the many rich opportunities teachers are already providing.

As has been indicated throughout this entire situation, our current collective focus is on our learners and our staff; on maintaining and even strengthening our relationships. While we hope to find ourselves back with our students and co-workers soon, the uncertainty remains.

The District will be issuing a public news release regarding this webpage, but we ask that schools and teachers also communicate with families to advise of the resource. Any teacher who wishes to use these resources to engage with their students is encouraged to do so.

We recognize not all families have access to online resources. We continue to look for opportunities that will make resources accessible for all.

Learning at Home: Good at Learning - Good at Life can be accessed directly from the main District website at <u>www.nlesd.ca</u>.