

# AISN'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, April 1st, 2020

## Dates to Remember:

*Thursday, April 2nd: March ONLINE Assembly - to be held online at 12PM Nouakchott time*

*Friday, March 3rd: Report cards sent home*

*Friday, April 3rd - Monday, April 6th: No School. Rest your eyes and enjoy family time.*

*Tuesday, April 7th: Online Learning Resumes*

*Friday, May 29th: Tentative Graduation Date*

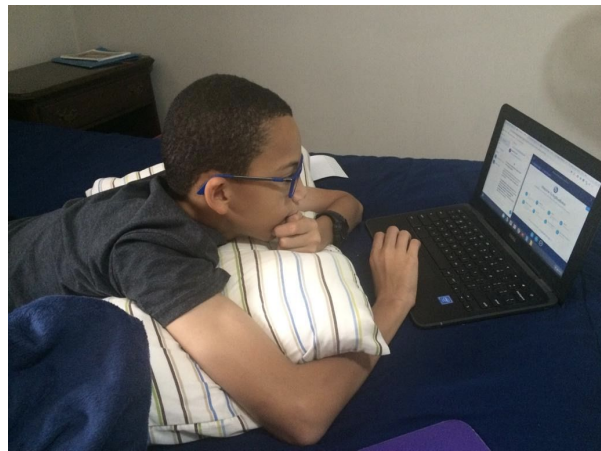
*Friday, June 5th: Tentative Last Day of School*

*Monday, August 26th: First Day of School for 2020-21 school year*

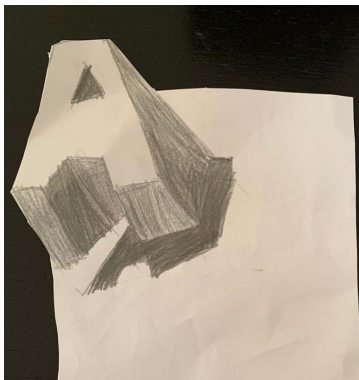
## AISN IS WORKING FROM HOME, BUT IS STILL CONNECTED!



Bedredine (Gr. 4) video conferences with Mr. Dave during a reading lesson.



Shims (Gr. 8) conferences with Mr. Andrew from the comfort of his bed.



3D sketch by Boubacar (Gr. 4) for a Math assignment



Ms. Cookie's Grade 1 class meeting for Guess, Show and Tell



Mariam (Gr. 10) participates in a PE activity for Ms. Basma.

**WANTED: PICTURES OF AISN AT HOME!** If you would like to share about your families online learning experience at home in our weekly newsletter, simply take some photographs or selfies and send them to Ms. Meghan at [meghan@aisnmauritania.com](mailto:meghan@aisnmauritania.com). Thank you for your support!

**WANTED**



**SPECIAL ONLINE EVENT!** Come one, come all to AISN's March monthly assembly, set for **Thursday, April 2nd at 12:00 PM Nouakchott time**. Events will include: a special presentation by our Kindergarten class, musical performances by Mr. Papis, and celebration of March birthdays! We hope to see you ONLINE! A ZOOM video conference link to the assembly is included in this week's newsletter.

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS AT AISN:** Rabab, Thomas, Adibah, Hussein B., Sidi Moktar, Adrielle, Ms. Olga, and Ms. Amel



#### **TIPS FOR PROVIDING CHILDREN STABILITY DURING ONLINE LEARNING:**



**Set Routines:** Routines provide structure and a sense of safety and focus which helps students engage more in the learning process. Create family schedules. Simple things like getting dressed in regular school clothes instead of lounging around the house in pajamas can help to normalize a non-normal situation. It is also beneficial for students working online for long periods of time to take breaks to move, to be offline, and to talk to family members and friends.



**Connect:** Social connection during normal times is important and can be even more important during our current time. Over the past couple of weeks, students have connected with each other and their teachers via various online platforms - including video conferencing and virtual chat sessions. They have been able to participate in class discussions, read alouds, show and tell, PowerPoint sharing, as well as just having normal conversations with each other. All AISN faculty members have set office hours when they are available to chat with students and parents alike. If you need anything at all, please feel free to reach out to us.



**Make sure they know they are not alone.** Children may feel various emotions at different times while staying at home - such as fear, confusion, anger, guilt, shame, grief, and sorrow. Reminding students that it is okay to feel like this and that their teachers, parents and friends may also be feeling similarly can reassure them that what they are experiencing is "normal."



#### **Useful Articles:**

- [How to Set Up an Efficient Home Office for Online Learning](#)
- [Parenting During Coronavirus](#)
- [21 Activities for the Whole Family](#)
- [Giant List of Ideas for Being Home with Kids](#)
- [A Quick Teacher-Created Guide to Homeschooling Your Kids](#)
- [Help Your Family De-Stress](#)