

LEARNING TOGETHER FROM HOME **PRESENTED BY KATHY OAKS, PARENT GROUP PRESIDENT:**

It's no secret parents are dealing with a lot at home throughout this COVID-19 pandemic, which shut down schools across the country — and the globe — for an undefined amount of time. If you're like me, you're at home helping to facilitate distance learning for your multiple children while working your own job from home. You're juggling parenting, working, helping with online learning and trying to maintain some semblance of normalcy in your home. Oh yeah, and you're trying to remember to shower.

As a fellow parent, as well as a member of a full-time virtual/remote team, and a sometimes working-remotely-with-kids-underfoot employee, I'd love to share some of the tips and tricks that are working for us right now. Let me caveat by saying that no two families are alike and no two virtual school experiences are going to look the same – that's totally okay! If something doesn't resonate with you, feel free to line your birdcage with it, my feelings won't be hurt in the slightest!

Kathy's Top 10 Tips for Working From Home:

10. Make a schedule & set a timer.
9. Give everyone their own workspace.
8. Schedule family meetings to go through daily expectations & schedule.
7. Get earbuds/headphones for everyone. Just trust me here.
6. Mute button. Use it. Love it. Teach your kids to use it.
5. Make it your own, learning happens everywhere! It's okay if your school day doesn't look like everyone else's!
4. Get your kids involved in planning the day and figuring things out – don't just do it for them.
3. Make a system of organization that works for you.
2. Communicate with teachers. They want to help! Let them know how it's going or what could go better.
1. Buckets. Of. Grace. This is not going to be perfect and that's okay. Be patient with yourself and others, and know that we are all in this together!

Find more practical tips for managing through this crazy time
at <https://lubbock.citymomsblog.com/mom/working-from-home-101/>

Do you have some helpful tips to share? We'd love to hear from you! Remember, We're in this together. You are not alone. Email tips to ***Cindy Taylor*** at ctaylor@allsaintsschool.org and/or ***Kathy Oaks*** at kathyoaks806@gmail.com.