Mental Health

While Staying at Home



Structure

Structure is key to a healthy brain.

Daily Routine

Create a schedule of activities that you will follow each day.

Sleep Schedule

Go to sleep and wake up at the same time each day.



Exercise helps to create endorphins in our brains, which makes us feel happier.



Go for a Walk

Yoga or Pilates





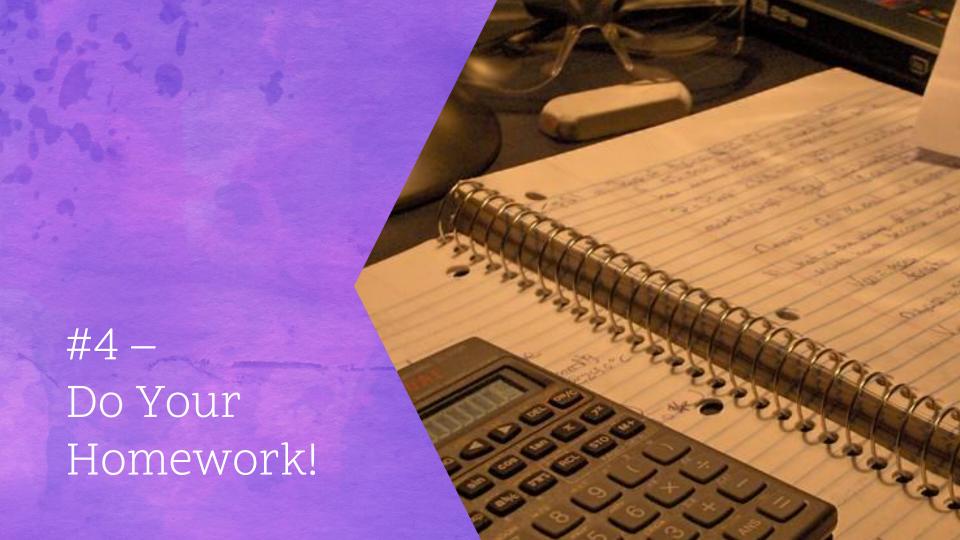
Run on a Treadmill





Sunlight Helps!

Sunlight helps to regulate our circadian rhythms – our brain's way of knowing when it is time to wake up and when it is time to go to sleep. Sunlight also improves mood!



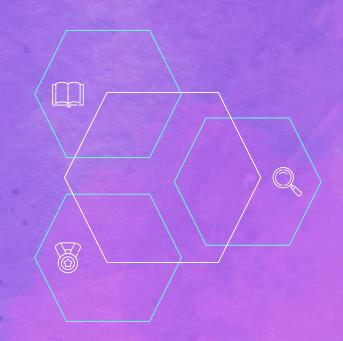
Why should we do homework?

Stay Mentally Active

Having to think about problems and solutions is good for our brains. If we never use our critical thinking skills, our brains will not function at their best!

Productivity

You will likely feel better if you feel like you have accomplished something or worked toward a goal at the end of each day.



Get Ahead, Not Behind

Someday we will return to school, and it will be better to be ahead on your schoolwork! If you get behind, it will just make things worse. This is the perfect opportunity to get caught up on your work.



cluttered room = cluttered mind!

Our environment affects the way we feel!



Creative Ideas

Artwork

Draw or paint to express your feelings.

Photography

Γake pictures of your surroundings.

Makeup

If you enjoy doing hair and makeup, it can be a ful creative activity

Music

Play an instrument or write song.

Writing

Write a creative story or write poetry.

Cooking

Try some new recipe ideas. Bake cookies!

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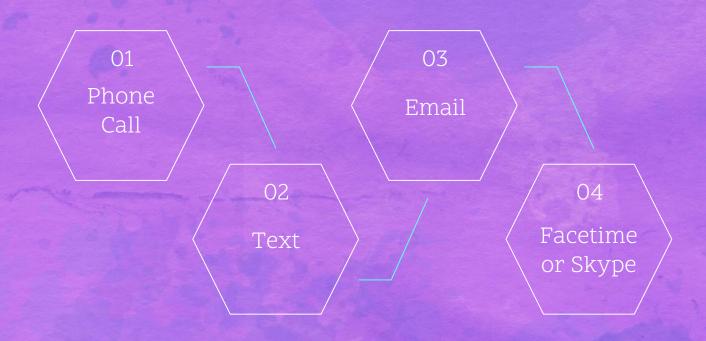
#7 – Keep a Journal

Express your Feelings

It will be fun to look back on your journal in a few years!



Communicate with Friends & Family





Eat fruits, vegetables, and protein.

Avoid junk foods!



If you're in a bad mood, try this . . .

Listen to 3 songs:

- A song that matches your energy
 - A neutral song
- A song that feels positive & uplifting

Example: If you feel sad or depressed, listen to songs in this order:

- A slow, sad song
- A song in between happy & sad
- A song that is happy with a fast beat



Should we watch the news?



If you feel stressed or anxious, take a break from the news and do something fun.



#12 –
Remember
this won't
last Forever

Conversations will not be cancelled. Relationships will not be cancelled. Love will not be cancelled. Songs will not be cancelled. Reading will not be cancelled. Self-care will not be cancelled. Hope will not be cancelled.

May we lean into the good stuff that remains.



