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## **Do's and Don'ts of Teaching ELs Through Remote Learning**



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## Do...

- ...make it student-driven.
- ...provide student choice of independent activities.



## Don't...

- ...use your regular stuff.
- ...mandate only one independent activity.

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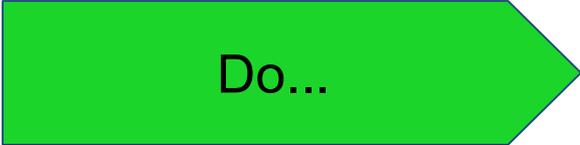
## Do...

- ...use synchronous teaching for newcomers (if you can).
- ...keep synchronous classes short, simple, and fun.

## Don't...

- ...kill yourself using synchronous classes for everyone.
- ...make synchronous classes long and boring -- or they won't last long!

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## Do...

- ...create opportunities for students to connect informally.
- ...make time for individual conversations with students.



## Don't...

- ...apply a “bell-to-bell” attitude in the name of rigor.
- ...limit your student interactions to group chats, texts, or email.

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Do...

- ...connect with families “voice-to-voice” regularly, even if tech is needed for translation.

Don't...

- ...rely *only* on texts, emails, or robocalls to contact families.

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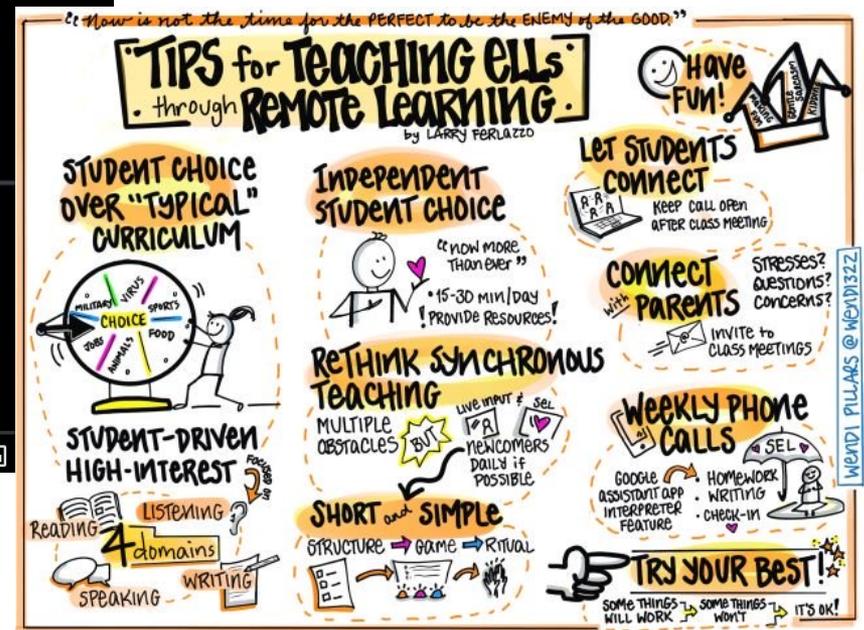
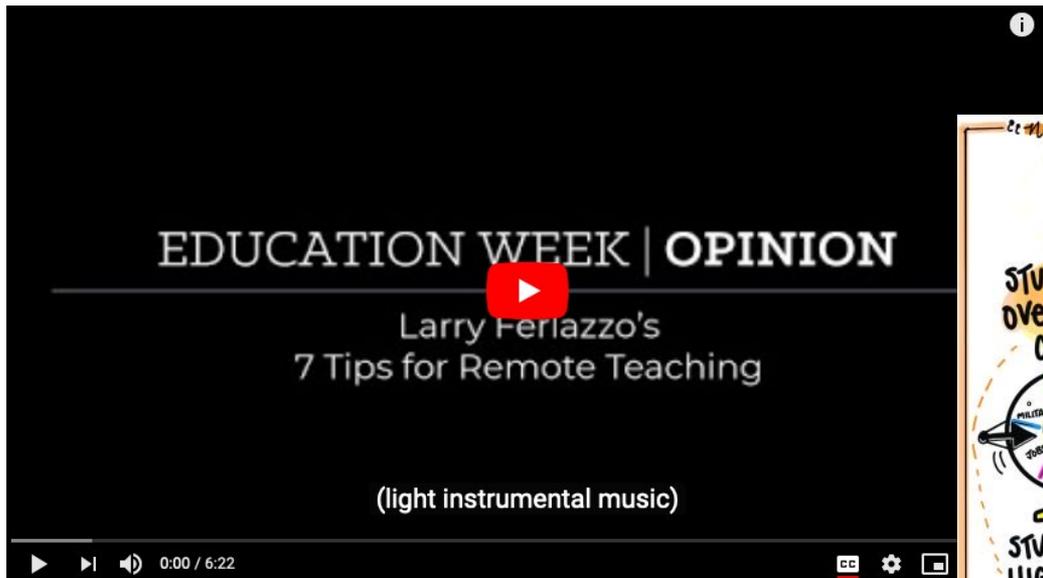
- ..recognize and accept that some of our efforts will fail/flop.
- ...be satisfied with trying your best.

Don't...

- ...make perfect the enemy of the good.

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## Tips for Remote Learning: Videos and Infographics



Infographic by Wendi Pillars.

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## **Ways to Support ELs Who Don't Have Internet Access**

- Advocate for district to provide tech support
- Use realia
- Journal with sentence starters
- Provide a decent workbook
- Help students sign up for a library card
- Look for ways to give students books
- Set up regular phone calls

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## **Ways to Support ELs in Other Content Classes**

- Provide graphic organizers and models
- Use closed captioning in live sessions
- Use Microsoft Translator
- Use text engineering
- Share writing frames and writing structures
- Build background knowledge
- Share videos that students can watch multiple times (either of content or teacher instruction)

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## More resources

- Webinar resource page
- Blog: Larry Ferlazzo's Websites of the Day
- Blog: Classroom Q&A with Larry Ferlazzo (*Education Week*)
- Twitter: @Larryferlazzo

