



Vello Program - Distance Learning 2020

Dear United Way Partners,

In response to the COVID-19 health crisis and school closures, United Way is pivoting to a 1:1 model of delivery for Vello that will provide children with virtual 1:1 reading sessions from home or on individual devices at school. This new outlook for Vello is crucial to ensure children remain on track with their reading goals AND meet the health and safety procedures of all partners. The Vello Distance Learning Model will most likely run through December, but there is potential for this to be the new normal for Vello going forward. This is how we stay responsive to the needs of our community. Let's read!

Vello Distance Learning Approach:

- Student devices will receive a Vello Session Application to ensure easy and safe connections with volunteers.
- Volunteers register on Vello Portal, complete a screening and training, self-schedule, then start connecting!
- Teachers and Vello Administrators will support families through communications, IT and user support, and progress monitoring.

Requirements:

- Students will need a 1:1 device from their home or school (including Internet connection), a schedule from their teacher, e-book login from their teacher, and a practice run before the first session.
- Volunteers need an Internet-connected device, ensure usability on *Zoom*, complete all onboarding steps, commit to 30min of volunteering once each week (give or take).
- Parents/Caretakers - if students will be connecting from home
 - Practice ahead of time, ensure students are ready 5 min early, stay in touch with your teachers
 - Reach out to teachers if you need support or troubleshooting

Support Vello the United Way / Vello's new approach will not work without all participants working united. Our new learning environment comes with its share of nuance and unknowns, thus we appreciate everyone rallying together in support of kids. We know that volunteers reading with kids for 1:1 reading support will create lasting change across our community.



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Thank you!