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# DIGESTIBLES FOR DISTANCE LEARNING

Small Ideas for a Big Job!

## DIGESTIBLE #24

### Looking Ahead, Looking Back....

As we close out our fifth week of working and learning from home, AIMS would like to thank everyone for being so supportive of this communication form. **Between two and three thousand of you actually open and read this newsletter each morning.** We know that the short format is useful and we'll continue sending them to you, **starting next week, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.** Below, you will find a tip for moving forward and a tip for looking back at our archived editions of these tips. Have a great weekend.

Alecia at AIMS



#### "Online instruction: Is it Temporary?"

This compelling think piece in [District Administration](#) pushes us to look towards a future year of schooling that may be punctuated with interruptions. The author, Rushton Hurley, from [Next Vista for Learning](#), explains, "We need to prepare for switches between in-person and online instruction as needed, blending our approaches to draw on the strengths of both, and dealing with questions we've had the luxury of ignoring." He offers **three ways to prepare** in the article linked below.

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## All the Previous Digestible Tips

We have had multiple requests from people for past issues of this "digestibles" newsletter. When this newsletter was first issued five weeks ago, we thought it might be for two weeks, tops. And here we are....**If you would like to find previous issues or to share them with others, you can find our library of back issues at the link below.**

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# Don't Quit

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,  
When the road you're trudging seems all uphill,  
When the funds are low and the debts are high,  
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,  
When care is pressing you down a bit,  
Rest, if you must, but don't you quit.

Life is queer with its twists and turns,  
As every one of us sometimes learns,  
And many a failure turns about,  
When he might have won had he stuck it out;  
Don't give up though the pace seems slow-  
You may succeed with another blow.

Often the goal is nearer than,  
It seems to a faint and faltering man,  
Often the struggler has given up,  
When he might have captured the victor's cup,  
And he learned too late when the night slipped down,  
How close he was to the golden crown.

Success is failure turned inside out-  
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,  
And you never can tell how close you are,  
It may be near when it seems so far,  
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit-  
It's when things seem worst that you must not quit.

**Idris Elba** did a particularly moving reading of this poem, by author John Greenleaf Whittier, for the BBC this week, to a montage of first responders. [You can see that here, too.](#)