



March 13, 2020

Dear OPS Community Members,

As we knew this was a possibility, we have spent the past several days preparing for the transition to digital learning. We are in uncharted waters; and, yes, there will be a few hiccups. However, what I know about this community is that we come together when we need to, and this will be one of those times.

As of Monday, March 16th, OPS students will learn according to the following plan:

- Kindergarten through Grade 2: Today, your child will bring home a packet of material needed to complete the activities on this [website](#). (The link for this website will be placed on the front page of the OPS website.) Please choose your child's grade level and have them do the first day of lessons on March 16th. Please only do one day of lessons each day. We ask that you use your judgment. If you find that we have over-planned, let your teacher know as we will use this information to modify our plan.
- Grade 3 through Grade 6: Your teacher will share a Google Classroom (and in some cases a Google or Weebly site with your child). Again, the lessons are separated by day and by subject, and we ask that you spread the learning out and stick to our daily plan. (In some cases, teachers will assign by day.) The first day of lessons will begin on March 16th. Teachers will be monitoring student work and providing comments and feedback. Your child is encouraged to ask questions either by emailing the teacher (we have changed our Google Classroom settings so students can email their teacher and vice versa) and/or leaving a message in the Google classroom. Once again, we ask you to use your judgment and inform your child's teacher if your child is struggling with the amount or type of work.

We have worked to create a variety of learning activities that develop the whole child, and we are continuing to add different options. However, if your child finishes their work and is looking for more, remember that we have a robust student links section on our website which can be found [here](#) and there is always more to read! Additionally, while we will continue to send email blasts about updates, make sure you visit the OPS website and peruse our social media sites for news and some surprise learning activities!

If you have any problems or concerns during the next two weeks, we ask that you follow the same protocol you use during the school year. First, email your child's teacher for assistance. Your child's teacher will be at his/her computer to assist in any way they can from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. After 2:30, they will be working on reviewing student work and additional planning. If you need additional support, please contact the appropriate assistant principal (Mr. Hagopian for grades K-3 and Mrs. Hawley for grades 4-6).

Sincerely,

*Megan N. Bozios*