



April 9, 2020

Hello Families,

We hope this letter finds you and your family healthy and safe. As directed by the Iowa Department of Education and Governor Reynolds, our school closure has been extended through April 30. The Linn-Mar Community School District continues to receive updates from the Iowa Department of Education.

This letter lays out our new plan for Elementary Voluntary Instruction for grades PreK-5th as we move closer to our hopeful return date of May 1st.

As we move forward, the K-5 model for continuous learning is “voluntary” as defined by the Iowa Department of Education. We can provide learning opportunities for our students, but we cannot require the student to complete the work.

Across the district, our grade-level teams are starting to work collaboratively to create “choice boards” for your student’s learning. The choices could include learning links activities that can be accessed or listened to, or possibly printed, for your student to work on throughout the course of the week. Once your student completes all the activities on the choice board, you or your student can find [additional activities/resources on our district website](#).

Each week, your student’s teacher(s) will send you the links to the choice board and printable copies; which you should have this no later than 6:00 PM on Sundays. This will allow you, as a parent, to look through the activities and plan for the week. If you do not have access to a printer, the district is exploring options for printing the materials for families.

We will provide more information to our families as we learn more. Your student’s teacher may provide additional fun activities, such as read aloud or having students meet in Microsoft TEAMS. Other teaching staff will continue to communicate with and provide support to the students they teach.

Your student’s teacher will be checking their email at a regular time each day so they can answer questions you or your student may have.

Please remember the district wants to provide support any way we can. [This link](#) provides you with student resources, as well as a list of staff members throughout our district who are here to help.

We miss seeing all of you! Please take care.

Sincerely,

The Elementary Administration Team

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