

April 2, 2020

Dear Oak Ridge Families,

Welcome to crisis schooling! This is not homeschooling, distant learning, or remote learning. We are living in a world that none of us could have imagined even a month ago. We know that doing homework can be challenging, but we can work together to help our kids' minds stay sharp.

Our focus between now and April 24th is on reading and math. We are referring to this time period as *Phase 1*. Should our time at home be extended, more information will come for *Phase 2*. The attached packet includes basic math facts, math games, and a reading log. We encourage you to complete five lessons each week beginning April 6th.

We hope that you are staying healthy, washing hands, and social distancing. We value our families and we hope that this time will be spent building a stronger bond with your children. Playing outside, creating art work, enjoying card games and board games, are all ways to keep your children engaged.

For those who want more, we have plenty of online support, programs, and games. Students can log in to Clever to access these online options. Teachers will be reaching out to each student through email or by phone to let you know how and when to best reach them for feedback about the learning opportunities or assistance with logins.

We have several more opportunities for student learning posted at www.ortn.edu/information-regarding-coronavirus under the Online Resources for Families tab. If you do not have internet access, here are some providers who want to ensure you can connect during this crisis:

Comcast – <https://corporate.comcast.com/covid-19>

- Open WiFi-hotspots to all users, even non-Comcast subscribers.
- No data caps – 60 days of unlimited access
- No disconnect or late fees
- Internet Essentials free to new customers – 60 days of Internet access for free – normally \$9.99/month

AT&T – <https://about.att.com/pages/COVID-19.html>

- No disconnections or late fees for customers
- Free open WiFi hotspots
- Unlimited data
- Limited/fixed income residents and sign up as a new customer for \$10/month.

Charter/Spectrum – <https://corporate.charter.com/newsroom/charter-to-offer-free-access-to-spectrum-broadband-and-wifi-for-60-days-for-new-K12-and-college-student-households-and-more>

- Free broadband/WiFi for 60 days to home with K-12 and/or college students that do not already have a Spectrum account (Call 1-844-488-8395)
- Spectrum will open its WiFi hotspots for all public use.
- No data caps

TDS Internet (large portions of East TN) – <https://tdstelecom.com/about/news/categories/tds/CoronavirusStatement.html>

Please do not hesitate to reach out to your teacher(s) if you have any questions!

