



**ELIZABETHTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
DISTRICT OFFICE

March 27, 2020

Dear K-3 Families:

We hope this message finds you well. To say that this is an unprecedented time in American history would be a gross understatement! While we take our jobs as educators very seriously, we understand this is a time to focus on health, safety, and security. Numerous K-3 teachers and administrators are parents, as well, so we can empathize with the emotions you are encountering as parents and guardians. The entire K-3 team realizes your child(ren) may be experiencing multiple emotions at this time, ranging from sadness, anxiety, and fear. Our hope is that we can help alleviate some of these fears while adding a sense of normalcy and routine to your child's life. Through many hours of meetings and discussions, the K-3 teachers and principals have developed a distance learning model for enrichment and review that will allow continuity of learning while your children are home using an online platform.

By no means can we replicate the outstanding instruction that our teachers deliver in the classroom each day, nor should you as parents and guardians be expected to do so. What we as a K-3 team aimed to do was create a model where students could continue to learn and develop their skills at home. While this is not an ideal or preferred approach, it is our attempt to make the most of a challenging situation. We also recognize that families are trying to navigate a home and school balance. Below, you will see the highlights and the feature points of our online learning model.

- Beginning Monday, March 30th at 8:00 AM, students and parents will go to [www.etownschools.org](http://www.etownschools.org) to check the K-3 school's individual Enrichment & Learning Hub.
- From there, students and parents will click on the child's classroom teachers' sites.
- Each day, students will find enrichment and review work for each of their individual classes. For example, students will have daily enrichment and review work in ELA and math, as well as weekly work in science. Students can choose one Special Area teacher's work to complete per day.
- Teachers and principals were very deliberate and intentional in our approach so as to not overwhelm students and/or families.

Please know that the K-3 teachers and principals worked tirelessly to try to develop a user-friendly, palatable system for students to learn at home. We realize this may be uncomfortable for your child(ren) and for you, and we are ready and eager to answer any questions or concerns you might have. We appreciate your support, your encouragement, and your teamwork. Thank you for being partners in this work – we appreciate your dedication to helping our students succeed.

Should you have any specific questions, please reach out to your child's classroom teacher. Stay safe! Stay healthy! Stay positive! We can get through this TOGETHER!

Sincerely,

Amanda Baxter - Bainbridge Elementary Principal  
Kari Bittinger - East High Street Elementary Principal  
Mike Pericci - Mill Road Elementary Principal  
Jacques Viau - Rheems Elementary Principal

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