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Zachary Elementary School

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Dear ZES Mustang Families,

I hope that you and your family are safe and healthy. Thank you so much for your patience and understanding as we all have encountered drastic changes in our lives during these last few weeks. Like many of you, we have been adjusting our day to day processes in these trying times. I am extremely appreciative of the positivity, flexibility, and resilience of our students, parents, teachers, and staff.

As you know, teaching and learning are at the heart of what we do each and every day; and continuous learning remains a top priority of our school and district. While it is our responsibility to continue to educate our children, we also want to be empathetic to the range of difficulties and hardships that our families may be enduring during this time. As we move into Phase II of our continuous learning plan, the goal is for our students and parents to have flexibility when working on these lessons and activities.

In order to access the continuous learning plan and to view Zachary Elementary School's Resources, please visit our district's <u>at-home learning page</u>. On this page, you will find our first lesson set that addresses the identified priority skills/standards needed for students to continue learning. Lessons are designed with flexibility in mind. Therefore, I encourage you to design a schedule that will work best for your family.

Lessons may include the following, but not limited to:

- Pre-Learning/Background Knowledge Activities
- Video Lessons (ZCSD Mini-Lesson Videos or Tier I Curriculum Videos)
- Practice Activities
- Extra Support
- Enrichment
- Independent Reading

Teachers will provide optional opportunities through these lessons for students to improve his or her grades. We will continue to communicate with families, provide assistance, and information as needed.

In addition, our students are now enrolled in Edgenuity Pathblazer. Pathblazer is a personalized program that provides supplemental and targeted online instruction in Math and ELA for each student.

- Click on "Edgenuity Pathblazer" on our <u>at-home learning page</u> using your student login information.
- If students have trouble with their login, please feel free to contact me at <u>keisha.thomas@zacharyschools.org</u>, or you may call our district's help desk at 225-286-7803 Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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ZCSD Student Log In

Student User Name:

firstname.lastnameGradYear@zacharystudents.org Example: john.smith2028@zacharystudents.org(all lower case) 12th gr./2020 - 11th gr./2021 - 10th gr./2022 - 9th gr./2023 - 8th gr./2024 - 7th gr./2025 - 6th gr./2026 5th gr./2027 - 4th gr./2028 - 3rd gr./2029 - 2nd gr./2030 - 1st gr./2031 - K/2032 - Pre-K/2033 **Student Password:** FirstInitialLastInitialLast4SSN Example: js1234 (all lower case) MIS Technology Help Desk: (225) 286-7508

Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

Once you have logged into Pathblazer, students will complete the Screener/Diagnostic Assessment for Reading and Math. **The Screener/Diagnostic Assessments are to be completed on separate days**. Data from these assessments will be used to determine your student's Reading and Math Learning Path on this supplemental program. Students will earn points for his or her participation in Edgenuity Pathblazer.

Included is a <u>video link</u> to assist you in navigating the online resources on the Zachary Community School District's website.

Grading:

Current student grades have been calculated based on student's previous work as of March 13, 2020.

Students are encouraged to participate in this continuous learning platform.

- No student grade at the end of the second semester can be lower than the grade earned in a class by March 13, 2020.
- All work submitted after March 13, 2020, can only have a positive impact on a student's grade.
- Students will be excused for any lesson that does not have a positive impact on their grade.

During these times, our school continues to work to support our families in every way that we can. Our administration, teachers, and staff are grateful for your partnership as we work together to support our students. Do not hesitate to reach out to me or your child's teacher for any assistance to help your child's continuous learning.

Sincerely, Keisha Thomas, Principal