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Good Morning Komarek Families,

I wanted to send a follow-up letter to the email I sent out this past Friday in regards to eLearning days. However, I would like to first thank everyone for their patience as we are working through logistics during these school closing days.

Please read this letter carefully since there is a plethora of information to understand. Also, if Dr. Ganan extends the school closing, teachers will be providing opportunities for students to have additional experiences.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at jgold@komarek94.org.

Stay safe and healthy,

Jason Gold, Ed.D.
Principal

What is eLearning?

- The Komarek staff has been working hard on developing an alternative learning program, otherwise known as eLearning (emerged or electronic Learning). This program will provide students with at-home learning opportunities that support concepts within your child's grade level classroom. Even though there is no comparison to learning in the classroom versus independently, students need to take this opportunity to engage within these meaningful activities and lessons.

What are the expectations for eLearning days?

- It is anticipated that some or all alternative learning days will count toward student attendance days. However, at this time, it is still unclear if the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) will require us to make up some or all of the days school is not in session.
- For attendance purposes, Komarek School will be sending a phone questionnaire daily asking if your child/children are participating in the day's eLearning. You will be instructed to press 1 for yes or 2 for no. In addition, the State requires students to participate in physical education at least three times a week. To confirm this activity, you will be asked to press 1 for yes or 2 for no. This message will also be sent via email. You may use either form of media to complete the questionnaire. **Officially, eLearning begins Tuesday, March 17, 2020.**
- **The week of March 23rd is spring break. During this time eLearning is not expected.**

Where do I find eLearning activities?

- Students in Kindergarten through 4th grade were sent home with an eLearning packet on Friday, March 13, 2020. An assignment sheet was also included what to complete daily. Students in grades 5th-8th will have their eLearning packets electronically. The preschool packet is also electronic.
- eLearning assignments can be found on our website with a [link](#) in the middle of our homepage. Students are asked to bring all completed work back to their teachers if it was completed by paper and pencil.
- 5th through 8th grade students must submit their work online to their teacher.
- eLearning days require at least 5 clocked hours of learning. Within each packet, the core subjects (ELA, math, science, and social studies) have at least 10 days

of lessons and activities. PE is also listed as well as other specials depending on the grade level.

What if my child has an Individualized Education Plan (IEP), 504, or receives English Language (EL) services?

- Students who have an IEP, 504, or EL service will see their teacher's name on the eLearning page. Their name is hyperlinked to lessons and activities for your child.
- If the special education teacher or EL teacher is not listed on the eLearning page, click on the grade level's link. There will be more information listed. If you have questions, do not hesitate to contact the appropriate teacher.

If my child does not understand an activity, what should I do?

- Teachers will be available by email from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm the week of March 16th and the week of March 30th.
- The week of March 23rd is spring break. Teachers will not be available.

What if I do not have access to the Internet at home?

- Students in pre-k through 4th went home with a packet on March 13th. However, additional copies can be picked up at the school office from 8:00 am - 11:00 am.
- Students in grades 5-8 received online expectations. Hard copies of materials can be received by contacting the school office at extension 100.

What if the school closing is extended? How does eLearning continue if all activities are completed?

- Teachers are creating additional eLearning opportunities. If Dr. Ganan announces an extension to our school closing, you will receive a communication from me in regards to continued eLearning experiences.