



Eric S. Gordon
Chief Executive Officer

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To: Families and Caregivers of CMSD Students:

Thank you for the many ways you are remaining connected to your child's school.

In consideration of what all our families are doing to support students during this unprecedented closure of Ohio's schools, I am pleased to provide the District's final mailed packet of learning materials designed for your child's specific grade level for this school year. Beginning the week of May 25, 2020, families will begin receiving bi-weekly Summer Fun Enrichment activities.

CMSD has been stressing the importance of participating in the 2020 Census and is turning to students to help in spreading the word. The Cleveland Foundation is supporting a Census Contest to encourage Clevelanders to complete the 2020 Census by creating a promotional video. Twelve students from Prek-12 will be awarded a \$200 Visa gift card for their winning videos. See details on this contest inside this week's packet.

Recognizing that students are used to a consistent school schedule, I strongly encourage you to continue working with your child to develop and maintain a routine at home that will extend his or her learning in the weeks ahead. This can be done by making time and space for quiet reading and active engagement with their learning packets this week, and with other materials found online or at our meal sites to stimulate their curiosity, increase their critical thinking skills and enable them to practice reading.

Learning materials can be accessed digitally on the CMSD website at ClevelandMetroSchools.org/LearningOpportunities. In addition, we will continue to distribute children's books and novels from *Scholastic* and *Lakeshore Learning* at our meal sites where we continue to support our families every day.

Children learn best when instruction is continuous, which is why CMSD educators will continue to produce learning materials to keep students engaged and keep their minds active during the extended break from school.

Also included inside this week's learning packet is daytime contact information for your schools and a Help Line if your child needs assistance with technology.

Thank you for the opportunity to emphasize the importance of academic enrichment in your child's experience, and for the important role you play every day in our shared commitment to the safety, well-being and future of Cleveland's children.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E S Gordon'.

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