April 17, 2020

Hello Summit Academy North Families,

I hope that you are all safe and well. Our staff has been working extremely hard to learn new technology, programming, and so much more to get ready to launch our Distance Learning Program. We are extremely excited to share that our Distance Learning platform goes live on Monday, April 20, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. We know that this situation is stressful for families. We are doing everything in our power to help make sure that the Distance Learning plan is easy for parents and students to use at home. We know that there may be some glitches. Please don't hesitate to send me an email if you need support. I will get you the help that you need.

Beginning at 8:00 on Monday, April 20, 2020, a new page will go live on our current website (www.summitacademy.com). The page will include updates, communications, meal information, and grade level learning plans.

Distance Learning Landing Page Information:

- Go to <u>www.summitacademy.com</u>
- You will see a box that says "Welcome to Distance Learning"
- Click the Student Login button which will take you to the page.
- When you enter the page, you will need a password. This will help us ensure that our Zoom rooms and our learning pages are safe and secure for all students.

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Once you are in, simply click on your child's grade level.

- For grades K-5, you will be directed to a webpage that will contain all of the activities for the week, including links to instructional videos, directions on activities, links to the Tutoring rooms, and much more.
- For grades grades 6-12, you will be directed to your child's new Google Classroom. All of the teachers will be using one Google Classroom to help reduce confusion. When you click on the assignments, you will see the assignments for each subject area for the week.

ThinkStretch Books for Kindergarten through grade 7:

For grades K-7, you should have received a ThinkStretch Book. As many of you know, the mail has been running very slowly. We will have printed copies of the first week available at lunch pick up on Monday, April 20, 2020 at Summit Academy North Elementary School from 11-12. If you do not receive the book this weekend, please feel free to stop by the school to pick up printed copies. We wanted to provide an easy tool for families to use at home. This book fit that criteria. Please know that we didn't complete the year's curriculum. There may be some unfamiliar things in the workbooks for your student. Don't be alarmed. We are already planning for Review of Power Standards in the fall for your child. We know exactly what they will need for continued success when we return to school in the fall.

If you need technology help, please call 734-941-1665 Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. or email techsupport@summitacademy.com. Our technology team will do their best to support you.

We were able to provide Chromebooks and iPads to students who needed technology support based on feedback that we received from the surveys that you completed. We are also reaching out to families who indicated that they either didn't have internet or poor connections and need support accessing internet connectivity. We have a wonderful team of staff that will be reaching out to support you from each building. You will receive an email this week to help with this.

We want to **thank you in advance for your patience and flexibility** as we launch a new way of teaching and learning. Please know that everyone on the Summit Academy North team is working tirelessly to try to provide you the high-quality learning experience you expect from our schools. We will make mistakes along the way, but we promise to adapt and support you as we learn right along with you. Together, we are #SummitStrong.

Kindest regards, Leann

Leann Hedke, Superintendent