

CONEMAUGH VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT



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Dear CVSD parents and guardians of students who receive gifted education services:

During this challenging time, I hope that you and your family are well. I know that it is your priority to stay healthy. Throughout our district, all educators have been busy preparing and beginning to provide educational opportunities for all of our students. At this time, the district is using an Enrichment/Review educational model as defined by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. As a result, all learning opportunities are optional and none of them will be graded by our teachers.

From a gifted education perspective, each educator is attempting to implement your child's respective GIEP with "a good faith effort" as it is written and has been previously implemented. The case manager for your child should be contacting your family via e-mail or telephone at least once every week or two to gain input from you and your child to determine current progress and needs. Educational opportunities will be provided by your child's other teachers mainly in a remote manner via the Internet.

Gifted support will also be provided remotely via the Internet with video and audio or telephone. The gifted support teachers will be working on each student's individual goals and activities, as feasible, similar to what they would provide in the school setting. If your child's strength areas are not being met by the learning provided, please let the gifted support teacher know. She will then collaborate with the teacher(s) as she usually does to better meet your child's needs.

You have been previously provided with a link to Gifted and Talented Enrichment Materials from the Kentucky Association for Gifted Education. In the future, a list of educational websites will be posted on the district website. For now, if able, you are encouraged to find them using Google. They include Edmentum, a math program which every student, up to 8th grade, in the district has used based on their individual math level (contact your child's teacher for log-in information). Scholastic also provides multiple no cost sets of reading materials which may also be used based on each student's specific reading level

(see the enclosure that has log-in information). Vocabulary Spelling City provides free practice for every child based on his/her individual skill levels (see the enclosure that has log-in information). Learning A-Z provides Raz-Kids and Headsprout to improve reading skills. Also, Scholastic has posted materials for students K-9 in all content areas including social-emotional learning. Their website is www.scholastic.com/learnathome.

We are expected to maintain all gifted education files during this time. We will be following typical timelines for GIEP meetings. To gain your participation, we will be using standard mail, e-mail and video/audio platforms such as Zoom.

As always, I appreciate the excellent support that CVSD educators receive from you. As you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact any educator in the district including me.

Thank you,

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