

Dear Lovett Community:

I hope this communication finds you healthy and not in the mist of going stir crazy at home. While this is a challenging time in our world, I hope that you have found some quality time to slow down and spend time together, We have been once again tossed a curve ball, however we are Lovett Strong and we will past this better and stronger. We will need to give each other grace and patience as we figure this out. While there will be confusion, frustration and many questions along the way, we are a community with a strong growth mindset!

This week, I have participated in numerous virtual meetings with our HISD Superintendent, our Area Superintendent, and I've also had a unique opportunity to virtually communicate with a teacher and principal in another country that are already implementing online options for their elementary students. I've learned a lot and there is a ton more to learn. We will get there!

To keep this communication orderly, I am going to break things up into sections. Please review each section below and know that more information will continue to come.

## **District Communication**

- ➔ All district personnel will begin working from home. During the week of March 23, teachers will have the option of coming to the building in small groups to pick up professional items to set up virtual instruction from home
- ➔ Online student-directed lessons will be provided by content and grade level for all students. The digital learning landing page can be found on HISD's homepage at <https://www.houstonisd.org/home> . Parents and students will be able to navigate through the webpage by school level to find activities and curriculum.
- ➔ Students can use computers, laptops, tablets, iPads and phones to access the digital curriculum.
- ➔ Webinars will be held to assist parents with accessing the digital instructional materials. The webinar schedule will be announced soon.

- ➔ During the week of March 23rd-March 27<sup>th</sup> each campus will conduct virtual professional development for teachers and teachers will work virtually in their grade level teams to plan.
- ➔ The district survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9VPFZ5Q> will allow families to communicate needs as it relates to technology access, internet access, and wellness needs.

### **Lovett Specific:**

- ➔ This week we have limited access to our building. The district is only allowing staff to stop by and pick up items, but all teachers and staff will be primarily working from home
- ➔ Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will have a virtual staff meeting to review professional development expectations for the week.
- ➔ Monday, March 23: You will begin receiving check in calls from your child's teacher. Even though the district is asking that you complete the survey listed above your child's teacher will call as it could take over a week for campuses to get the information from the survey. K-2 will call families and 3-5 will contact families in their homeroom. I have instructed teachers to leave a message if no answer, but they will make a 2<sup>nd</sup> attempt to try and speak with you directly.
- ➔ If your child left their instrument in the band room or orchestra room, email Mr. Jackson or Mr. Cobb so they can get a tally. We will communicate when the instrument would be available for pickup
- ➔ Beyond the [HISD@H.O.M.E](#) curriculum Lovett teachers will use a platform to provide instruction in the core content areas, fine arts, and PE. We are still working out the details of which platform we will use. After we have had some planning time next week, I will provide more details.
- ➔ Nurse Suiki will reach out to any families that may have left medication in the clinic. She will arrange with you when you can stop by to pick up.

## Parents:

- ➔ **FIRST..Just breathe!!!** I've had to tell myself this a few times. This is not going to be anything like normal school and trying to make it normal honestly just complicates it even more. There is no way online can replace the engagement of learning face to face and the collaboration with their peers. Look at this an opportunity for your child to learn a new skill.
- ➔ We recognize that some parents are working from home and our goal is to design lessons in a way where parents can utilize them around their family schedule. We also want to provide things where students can be as independent as possible.
- ➔ Teachers will still be monitoring emails; however, they will have specific office hours for emails, etc. Teachers, just as many of you are embarking on working from home when they are also parenting and trying to teach their own children. I will provide specific office hours later in the week after we have had some additional planning time
- ➔ PLEASE do not just show up at school next week. Even though you may see some cars in the parking lot, the building is closed. Teachers/staff are there only to pick up things and we have also been given very strict guidelines about the number of people that can be in the building at once.
- ➔ When you talk with your child's teacher this week, please be sure to provide them with any updates as it relates to phone numbers and email address
- ➔ Set Routines: One of my colleagues shared this article with me and it is a great read <https://consciousdiscipline.com/covid-19-five-helpful-responses-for-families/>

## For Students Next Week

- ➔ Use next week as a week of exploration. Ask your parents to go onto the HISD@Home site and let you explore.
- ➔ Organize your home-school space. Decorate it with Lovett colors and cool stuff that remind you of school.
- ➔ Participate each day in the Lovett at Lovett Virtual Week
- ➔ Create a reading log and start reading at least 20 minutes day. Record the following: Book Title, Author, what you liked about the book

# Lovett Owls

Loving it at Lovett Virtual Week  
March 23<sup>rd</sup> to March 27<sup>th</sup>



## Say hi to one of your teachers!

- take a picture of yourself and send to the teacher selected
- write a letter to one of your teachers
- make a video of you reading your favorite book and send

HAPPY TUESDAY



## Say hi to one of your friends!

- call or face time a friend and tell them what you are going to do today or what you did today
- draw a picture for a friend - you can give it to them when we come back to school



## Lovett Twitter!

- ask your parents to join E. O. Lovett Elementary's Twitter page and tweet (share) something you did today
- @lovett\_owls and @lovettstrong



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## Giving Back!

- write a letter, make a card, draw a picture, make a video and share with the grocery store your family shops at, the doctor's office you visit, or a food place you've gone too recently

(mail to, have your parent drop off at their next visit, email or upload to Facebook/twitter/Instagram)



## Get Outside!

- take a walk or ride your bike
- play an outside game (ask your parents to share one they played when they were your age)
- read outside
- pick a pretty flower to share with your family
- help your parents wash the car

