



# DICKSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Every Student Every Day*

April 13, 2020

Dear Families of Elementary Students,

How are the children? We still miss them. I smile when I see Twitter pictures of special ways teachers have reached out to their students. I trust this message finds you continuing to be resolved and confident in your ability to successfully navigate this temporary situation. I want to take this time to share some updates and moments of celebration.

During the past two weeks, students have logged into the online learning curricula numerous times. The metrics are Smarty Ants (2800) Achieve (4600) Iready (6000) and students finished the MyOn Challenge by reading 120,000 books. MyOn winners will be recognized at the April 16 Board meeting. These learning activities serve to keep our students engaged and sustaining academic focus doing this school closure time.

The second roll out of instructional assignments will be on Monday, April 13, 2020. Additional Smarty Ants, Achieve and iReady assignments are loaded and requested paper-based packets may be picked up at the District Office on Wednesday, April 15. Virtual field trips and other exciting websites related to Science and Social Studies have been added, as well.

Also, I ask you to consider the ELA and math standard based lessons offered daily on Public Broadcast Television Stations for grades 1-8. Additionally, Prek -3<sup>rd</sup> grade parents have the opportunity to register for a subscription to ReadyRosie. This is a quality educational resource that will offer families access to quality videos related to language, math, social-emotional, and health topics. You can find more information on our Online Learning site.

Finally, please know that as the Elementary Division moves forward in completing end of the year tasks, we are also thinking about the 2020-21 school year. We will engage in conversations, reflections, and intentional decisions regarding student achievement progress, the health and welfare of the school community, and lessons learned for the future.

Stay positive, take in the sunshine, snap photos, and believe in the promise of brighter tomorrows in the near future.

Sincerely,

Ernestine Adams, Director of Elementary Education