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Dear North Shore School District Parents & Community,

The following information provides details on how to access our e-Learning resources to be used during this unprecedented extended school closure. This is related to our fourth priority during this unusual Pandemic directed school closure.

Q: What is Clever and how do we access it?

Clever is a portal that allows students access to many of the District's learning resources. With Clever, students log in using their district email and password (Chromebooks) or badges (iPads). These linked [instructions](#) describe how to use Clever on district-issued devices or from a home computer.

Q: What self-paced digital resources are available for students?

The district has purchased a subscription to Educere and Imagine Learning, which are both self-paced digital courses.

- **[Educere](#) - ALL students in 1st through 8th grade. By the end of this week, students will receive an email to their District 112 email address** with directions on how to complete registration and access courses. All other resources are ready for access right now (see next question). We will communicate as soon as Educere is available. This has been expedited from our original suggestion of a March 30 start date.
 - **Grades 1-5:** will be enrolled in four courses: Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies.
 - **Grades 6-8:** will be enrolled in five courses: Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies and World Language (French or Spanish). These courses are assigned based on the student's current class schedules. If a student is not currently in a World Language course, they will not have one assigned in Educere.
- **[Imagine Learning](#) - All Kindergarten students and K-5 Dual Language students have access to Imagine Learning, a bilingual Language Arts and Math digital resource.**

- **ALL Kindergarten Students:** Language and Math is for students in kindergarten. Students can log in anytime through the Clever portal and begin the activities. Students can begin using Imagine Learning immediately.
- **ALL Dual Language K-5:** Español, Language, and Math is available for K-5 students who attend Oak Terrace and Red Oak Dual Language. Dual Students can use both Educere and Imagine Learning. Students can begin using Imagine Learning immediately.

Q: What resources are available until students have access to Educere?

Click this link to our [website](#). These resources are from our core materials in Math and Language Arts and are for immediate use. For Language Arts, your child will need access to his/her ReadyGEN (elementary) or myPerspectives (middle) icons in the Clever portal.

Once you enter the ReadyGEN or Perspectives icon in [Clever](#) (linked directions), you will select the unit of study that correlates to the directions provided [here](#). *You do not have to print these materials. They can be written on blank paper or answered orally. Please refer to your student's grade level packet for detailed instructions.*

Q: What Supplemental digital resources can we use?

This document accessed through the [link](#) has a variety of digital resources. This document indicates which resources can be accessed through a student's Clever portal, through free sign-up, or available through the Highland Park Public Library's page.

Q: How should I schedule my child's at-home learning?

Involve your child in helping create a daily routine for learning and play. A daily schedule should include time for learning, movement breaks, brain breaks, lunch and snack, and free choice. There are many examples on the Internet. Here are a few examples: [Remote Learning Schedule](#), [Khan Academy Remote Learning Schedule](#), also [Illinois State Board of Education](#) has identified many resources for families, including multilingual learners.

Q: What if I have a student at Green Bay Early Childhood Center?

If you did not pick-up your home learning packet and supply pack, you can pick it up at Oak Terrace Elementary School during the food service hours on March 18th and 19th from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. Please 'like' the [Green Bay Facebook Page](#) for updates. Install the Seesaw app on your phone or device, as learning materials will be available on SeeSaw after Spring Break.

Q: What do I do if my student's district-issued device needs troubleshooting?

If your school-issued technology device breaks or needs attention, send an email to support@nssd112.org.

Q: When will the teacher(s) be in touch with my child?

Our phased-in approach to e-learning is starting with self-paced, self-guided, independent work for our children at home. Following Spring break, after training opportunities will be provided for our teachers on the Zoom web conference tool. All teachers will be able to set up a Zoom web conference for a social-emotional check-in as well as a chance to discuss the online learning resources during the week of April 6.

As a reminder, our four priorities are:

- **Priority one** - feed our families and children
- **Priority two** - account for the extended safety, health, and welfare of our 4500 students and staff
- **Priority three** - communicate clearly
- **Priority four** - e-Learning

I have to express tremendous gratitude to the administrative departments, especially Teaching & Learning, Technology Services, the principals and everyone here in the administration.

Thank you for your support and flexibility during this time of unprecedented closure.

With regards,

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