

Old Farmers Road School

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Hello at Home,

I hope this communication finds you well during this time of adjustment. What a week it has been!

Something for the Kids...

*Let's begin each day with the Pledge of Allegiance!
(Clip link also available on OFRS webpage)*

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Our New Normal:

By now, our teachers and students have settled into a temporary new "school" reality. OFRS parents, students, and teachers have made a very quick adjustment to the many challenges that were presented. I am so proud of the way all have taken the changes in stride and are making the best of it. We know these are not easy home and school adjustments. A few parents let us know they feel overwhelmed with multiple children at home that need help with schoolwork. It's okay if not everything gets done. All we can expect is that students try their best. Conversely, we've also had parents looking for more school work. Your teacher can guide you toward extension activities. Hang in there all!

Reminders:

How do I find out what my child's school work is?

OFRS teachers have been taking this situation very seriously and will do all they can to support their students while at home. Teachers are available M-F from 9-2. Many teachers are balancing family responsibilities, please be mindful of the 9-2 parameters. You will need to check and recheck all your teachers' websites often. Check your emails as well. In addition to checking in with your core academic teachers, check your special education teachers, academic assistance teachers, ESL, speech, related arts teachers "specials" websites too. There are meaningful activities and assignments there for you to explore. Finally, Mrs. Rojas, Mrs. Drury and Nurse Braithwaite are here for you as a resource. All faculty are available by email.

Reminder- As a common anchor point, start with a teacher's OnCourse website:

- 1. www.wtschools.org/OFRS*
- 2. Then look for the "FOR PARENTS" tab.*
- 3. Next, look for the "STAFF WEBSITES" tab under the parent information column.
OR [Use this direct link to the OFRS Staff Websites](#)*

Many teachers and students are using the Google Classroom features and Seesaw tools. We are all adjusting to the digital platforms and technology shifts. We are all learning. :)

Chromebook Issue?:

Contact Jolene Battitori, Assistant Superintendent at jbattitori@wtschools.org , who will work with you directly to resolve the matter.

Attendance Calls:

If your child is sick or not available to learn, we are still documenting the "absence". Please call the school 908.876.3865 press 1 for attendance in the usual manner and leave a message.

Need a Password? Looking for extra activities?

Educational websites that the district has subscriptions to can be found [HERE on the school's library page](#).

Mental Health Tips from Mrs. Rojas, Mrs. Braithwaite & Mrs. Drury :

- Use CDC and NJDOH for accurate information
- Allow for at least 20 minutes of exercise or a walk per day along with time alone and together with family.
- Keep a routine and a daily schedule at home and limit exposure to media (especially kids)
- Spend time with pets
- Maintain sleep and diet consistency
- Mrs. Rojas, Mrs. Braithwaite & Mrs. Drury are available via email for both questions and concerns

Superintendent Mohre's 3/18 Bulletin:

[Read the latest district information here.](#)

A VERY SPECIAL "Hats Off":

To all of our health care workers... THANK YOU! Many of our OFRS moms, dads and extended family work in the healthcare industry. You are on the front lines and we appreciate you more than ever! We're so proud of all you do to serve our community. Stay healthy!

We understand this is a time of concern for all. Let hope, not worry, fill our thoughts.

Sincerely,

Joseph Ciulla

Principal

"Caring is Cool at OFRS"