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Good Morning Parents and Students,

Today we begin a new venture in the history of Oak Hill Academy. Although we will be learning in a somewhat different manner, we have the confidence that we are ready for what lies ahead. This online approach will help all of us learn how to achieve as an individual and take personal responsibility for how we do it. Our teachers are implementing their plans that look very exciting; however, we will certainly be making adjustments as we go. As an old friend said to me many years ago, "we must have time and patience!"

As we move down this new path, we are hoping to utilize the creativity of parents, teachers, and especially students. It is important for students to budget their time as they prepare their daily and weekly work schedule. This is a great time to be task oriented and become an organized, focused learner. Even our youngest children can help mom or dad decide what to do and when to do it.

An important part of the learning plan is to build in regular breaks and times for relaxation. Here is a partial list of some alternative activities:

- A. Great time to get some additional reading accomplished
- B. Board games are both fun and educational
- C. Jigsaw puzzles and Word Search are always challenging
- D. Have the kids get creative:
 - 1. Build something from items found around the house
 - 2. Design or invent something useful

3. Draw or paint an original
4. Use Legos to design
5. Write an original story, play, commercial, song, or poem

Some final thoughts for now:

- Students are not expected to sit in front of a computer all day
- Students are encouraged to spend a reasonable amount of time per day on assignments
- Students are encouraged to take brain breaks and exercise each day

I will keep you up-to-date as we move along.

I wish all of you good health as we proceed together and move forward as a strong, united community.