



March 19, 2020

Good morning Tiger Academy Parents,

In order to prevent the spread of COVID-19, Governor Ron DeSantis and the Florida Department of Education announced Tuesday that all public schools must move to distance education through April 15th. Tiger Academy was in the planning stages of implementing online learning, however yesterday's announcement means that we must accelerate this process.

Currently, Tiger Academy along with Duval County is on an extended spring break through March 20, 2020. Virtual instruction will begin on **Monday, March 23rd**. Your child's teacher will send a sample schedule along with information on websites and activities to use. We have been instructed that we will need to take attendance, however we are yet to receive guidance on that process. Teachers will be reaching out to you by Friday to determine your level of accessibility to technology, including internet access and hardware (tablet, computer, etc.) access. We are working on a plan for those scholars who may not have home access to technology.

It is important that during this time we keep our scholars engaged. For the remainder of the week, I suggest having your scholar utilize the academic websites they have been utilizing all year (iReady, SmartyAntz, Study Island, etc.), and for them to read and practice their math facts and fluency. Teachers will provide more specific grade-level instructions in the next day or two. K-5 students will need to know their student ID, which is their i-Ready password. If they do not remember it, please contact Ms. Didier: jdidier@fcymca.org and she will provide it for you.

Important Notes

- All public and private K-12 and career and technical center campuses are closed through April 15, 2020.
- We have received instruction to prepare for our school year to extend through June 30, 2020, to the extent feasible and necessary.

Information is being updated multiple times each day. While we are all anxious to receive information as it is released, our goal is to verify and confirm information prior to sending it out. Please check our website at www.ymcatigeracademy.org for regular updates, as well as www.duvalschools.org. You may also contact a Tiger Academy staff member via phone or e-mail if you have any questions.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. We miss our scholars tremendously, but understand the situation at hand. We would much rather be in school caring for and instructing our students while providing them with a sense of normalcy. We are in uncharted territory but we commit to doing all that we can for the benefit of our scholars. Please communicate with us if we can help you or any other Tiger Academy family during this time.

Charles McWhite

Principal