



## **Mastery Schools**

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Dear Mastery Family,

We hope you and your family are healthy and managing through this difficult time. We know you chose Mastery both for the supportive community and for the strong academics. These two commitments are driving how we respond during this crisis. This letter outlines our Home Academic Practice or “HAP” plan -- our guidance and expectations to support your child’s learning at home during the school closure.

We’d like you to set an expectation with your child that three hours a day are dedicated to reading, writing and engaging in academics. Our plan to support you in this effort has two phases. This first phase focuses on reading at home and accessing online content, if possible. The second phase will include hardcopy materials that we will mail to you. We’re working with our printing vendors on when that mailing can occur and will keep you posted. Please continue to monitor ParentSquare for more information.

**For tomorrow, the goal is for you to explore the book resources described in this letter with your child(ren), select a book to start with and get them reading.**

More information about online resources will be sent tomorrow. Before the end of the day on Friday, you will be getting a call from your child’s teacher to see how you are doing and to provide support. Please give your teacher until the end of the day on Friday to reach you. If you don’t have home Internet access, consider Comcast’s [free internet](#) access for new customers (\$9.95/month after that).

The pages below describe our reading expectations and online resources. We recognize that there may be many challenges your household is managing right now – do what you can to support your child’s learning and we’ll work with you. In addition, please consider:

- **Creating a Daily Schedule:** At school, your child has a daily routine and schedule. Establishing the same type of schedule at home will help give your child structure. Start with two to three hours of academics each day. For younger children, the hours can be divided into 15 to 30 minutes blocks and spread throughout the day. Older children may benefit from 30 minutes to hour-long blocks. Recommendations can be found on our Home Academic Practice page: [www.masterycharter.org/HAP](http://www.masterycharter.org/HAP).
- **Incorporating Music, Crafts, & Physical Activity Time:** Think about scheduling time for creative and physical activity. They need it (we all do). Suggestions can be found on our website on the Home Academic Practice page.

We are eager to support you. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to your school administration.

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