



March 23, 2020

Mastery Families,

I'd like to share an update on our various academic & student support programs:

- **Home Academic Practice (HAP)**
 - **Printed Practice Packets:** as we shared last week, we are working with an outside vendor to print and mail Home Academic Practice packets. These will be completed and mailed on a rolling basis so students in the younger grades may start receiving them as soon as Friday while students in older grades will likely receive them in early April. The packets come with a guide to help you get started. Your child's HAP teacher can also answer questions you or your child has.
 - **Online Learning:** hopefully by now you have been able to explore our online learning resources (Reading Eggs, Zearn, CommonLit, and Khan Academy). The programs are organized by grade level (except Reading Eggs, which has a "get started button"). We suggest your child begin at their grade level. If your child is struggling with the online content, feel free to reach out to your HAP teacher for support. You can also have your child explore lessons from the prior grade if they are struggling or go to the next level, or if they find the content too easy. Starting next Monday, your HAP teacher will be sharing curated online units of study. Until then, please encourage your child to read every day and continue to explore and engage in self-directed online activities.
- **Home Mentoring Program**
 - Beginning on Wednesday, March 25, we are launching the Mastery Home Mentoring Program. If your student was on a support plan at their school, you can expect a phone call from your school's dean or social worker. If your student was in an Anchor Support classroom, you will hear from the school's Anchor Support staff. When they call, the Mastery staff member will explain more about the program and touchpoints that will be offered to support your student. Initial phone calls will be made by Friday, March 27.
- **College Advising**
 - All 12th grade students will continue to receive personalized college and career advising while schools are closed. If your child is currently in 12th grade, someone from your school or Mastery's central office will be contacting you over the next week. If you have not been contacted by Monday, March 30, please reach out to Matt Tossman at matthew.tossman@masterycharter.org.

And finally, here are some resources to cheer up your rainy Monday (and provide some activities for younger students):

- A "Read Aloud" by Ms. Ferreira at Mastery Pastorius-Richardson Elementary: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8mQ22kMPnfQ>
- An art lesson (how to draw a cat) with Mo Willems: <https://www.kennedy-center.org/education/mo-willems/> (a new one is live-streamed each day at 1p!)

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