Happy summer O’Dea Core Knowledge Elementary families! Well…this year did not wrap up as we would have expected. I am so sorry and sad to not be able to see our students again this year. I keep thinking that if I just would have known that it was going to be the last day I would see them before spring break…that I would have hugged them a bit tighter…spent more time saying goodbye and made sure they knew that we loved them. It has been very hard on everyone.

My heart is full of love for you all. I am so proud of our school community for everything that we did to make this work the best that we could…and now…it is time for summer. I want you to know that we will spend this summer planning for your children to return to us…and we will spend the first part of the year catching them up on what they missed…and then moving forward once we are there. If there is any group of people that can do this type of work…it is teachers…we are built for this. I want you to go into summer knowing that we got this…we already know that we will have our work cut out for us this fall…and we will prepared to tackle it with everything we have…and everything…is going to be alright.

I know that our families have all been impacted in a variety of ways…some have lost jobs…some have been working from home…some have been working twelve hours a day as essential workers…everyone has been impacted differently. Our common message to you is this…we are always here to help…we love your children…and we are ready to saddle up…and teacher up…to take care of things in a few short months…you can count on us.

I will be working most of the summer…so always feel free to reach out to connect if you need anything. I will be doing announcements in my head I am sure…and cannot wait for that day when I get to stand back out front and greet your children again. I have the countdown started on my calendar already.

Much love,
Laurie
Hello O’Dea Families,

This month’s music update is a little different than usual as our music journey has taken an unexpected turn. I miss teaching and making music together in person and I understand the challenges and losses we have all been facing; my hope is that through this new learning experience I can provide meaningful music making opportunities for you all to enjoy together with your families! As we wrap up our school year and move into the summer months, I would just like to share some of the activities I have been working on for our distance learning journey and some ideas for music skills and activities over the summer.

**Quaver:**
- Quaver accounts are set up and ready to log in
  - Use the link in student links Quaver Music Curriculum
  - Click log in
  - You will be prompted to log in with Google, this is your student number @psdschools.org and your student password (if you need your student log in and password you can get them from Mrs. Bak)
  - You can access the fun activities or click the student tab to complete a fun assignment
  - Quaver accounts will be available all summer!

**Music Page**
- Check out my music page using the Specials link on the Student links page of the O’Dea website or use this link:
  - [https://padlet.com/cmclaren2/4olw0cvtbyp9](https://padlet.com/cmclaren2/4olw0cvtbyp9)
- Post messages and videos about your music learning and activities!

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Music Notes, continued...

Activities
- Music scavenger hunts are posted on my music page every Monday
- Make music as a family
  - Have dance parties
  - K: Make patterns using long/short, high/low, fast/slow, and loud/soft sounds
  - 1-5: Make patterns using known rhythm patterns and notes/rests
  - Use your Quaver account to create your own music
    - In the Apps tab choose creatives
  - Explore Chrome Music Lab
  - Teach a classroom game and play with your family (videos are on my music page)
  - Listen to new music and talk about:
    - What you hear
    - What you feel
    - Do you like it?
  - Practice the lines and spaces by drawing the staff (paper, chalk board, dry erase, sidewalk chalk) and placing objects on the lines and spaces to name the note
  - Practice your music vocabulary by finding examples around your home or out on a walk
  - Interview someone in your family about their musical preferences and experiences
  - Research a composer or musician
  - Practice or learn a new instrument
    - Don’t have an instrument? Make one!
  - Create rhythm patterns and play them using found sounds
  - Listen to music, determine the form, label the sections, create movements for each section and perform them with the song
  - Create body percussion patterns that repeat over and over (ostinato) then perform them along with your favorite song
  - Watch the videos on my Music page to experience new genres and performances of classic music
  - What can you come up with? I would love to see your ideas posted on my music page!
Music Notes, continued...

5th grade:
I just want to send out a special message to my 5th grade students and families; I have enjoyed having the honor to be your music teacher for these three years and I will miss you as you move into middle school. Please keep making music and practicing your skills and vocabulary, if you are going to participate in music in middle school it will be super helpful to log in to Quaver to practice the names of the lines and spaces on the staff, note values, and rhythms!

I am thinking of you all while we can’t be together in person. I am hoping you are safe and healthy and enjoying time with your families! I can’t wait to see you in the fall! Please reach out if you have any questions, concerns, or just want to say hi!

Stay safe, healthy, and musical,
Candice McLaren
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I know everyone is getting plenty of technology at home these days, so technology specials is changing to a choice/enrichment model for the rest of the year.

- **To get to the Technology Specials website:**
  - Go to the O’Dea home page: [https://ode.psdschools.org](https://ode.psdschools.org)
  - Click on Students in the upper right corner
  - Scroll below the K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and Click on Specials Distance Learning
  - Click on Tech
  - Click on the tab for your student’s grade level.

- **To find login information:**
  - To find student logon information for Kindergarten students, click on [https://ode.psdschools.org/kindergarten-website-information](https://ode.psdschools.org/kindergarten-website-information)
  - To find student logon information for 1st grade students, click on [https://ode.psdschools.org/node/4269](https://ode.psdschools.org/node/4269)
  - For all other logon information, contact Mrs. Bak at lbak@psdschools.org.

- **Technology Assignments:**
  - All K-5 students need to make sure they do their weekly keyboarding practice. If students aren’t practicing, they will lose their hard-earned progress! Information is on the Technology Specials website under the grade level tabs.
  - Beginning the week of April 27, all grade levels will have a required assignment (Keyboarding) and an optional choice/enrichment assignment. There will be some really fun options!
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Art is the perfect activity to do at home! For art activities, ideas, and resources during our distance learning time, please check out our Art @ Home Padlet!

Go to our O’Dea Homepage, click STUDENTS, click SPECIALS LINKS, click ART!

DEAR ARTISTS,

I miss all of you... so much! Being in our art studio, watching you work like artists, is one of my most favorite things. I simply cannot wait until we are together again. Until then, keep creating art at home!

Mrs. King

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In addition to reading the books that you already have at home, there are lots of ways to read books online.

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- **Options for at Home Reading** *(All can be found on the Library Specials website [https://padlet.com/lbak/odealibraryathome](https://padlet.com/lbak/odealibraryathome))*
  - Epic!
  - Tumblebooks
  - Storytime Online
  - Renaissance Learning Myon
  - E-books from Poudre River Library District

- **Share What You’re Reading** — Share what you’re reading with other O’Dea students at [https://padlet.com/lbak/odeareads](https://padlet.com/lbak/odeareads)

- **AR Testing for 2nd-5th graders** — Now through the end of the school year, you can take your AR tests from home. Read a book you have at home, or one available through Epic or one of the other sites above, then take the test!