

Greetings to OPTIONS Elementary Families,

We are so excited to report that Accelerate will be LIVE tomorrow. Thank you for all your kindness and patience as we have been working together to launch our online program. Expect a communication from your child's teacher that will have some of the same information listed in this email. We want to welcome all of you! We are here to support you and your child on this brand new endeavor.

As we work through all the kinks, there will be times when we may have to pivot and change. We are trying to streamline attendance. For the time being, OPTIONS staff will record attendance each day as required by the state. **The best way for your child to be counted as present is to log into Accelerate and submit at least one assignment each day by 12:30 pm.** If your child attends a Zoom virtual meeting or there is any two-way communication about the curriculum or your child, that will also count as being present. An OPTIONS staff member will contact you if your child hasn't turned in an assignment, attended a virtual meeting or communicated with us. It would really help our staff if you let us know by email if your child will be absent or if you need to make any other scheduling arrangements.

There are two ways to log into Accelerate (the Accelerate waffle links do not work, ignore them), but *the device must be logged into the student's district account.* One way is to log into the OPTIONS Elementary Google Classroom. Each teacher will have a new post labeled Accelerate Link. They may also have it in their Bitmoji Class slides (the one with the cartoon teacher image). To get to Accelerate, click on the link. I've also included it here: <https://accelerate-fernridge-elmiraopt.vschool.com/>.

Once in Accelerate, your child should be able to click the login button and get in without any user name or password. If that's not the case, use your child's username and password (first initial last initial student ID number@student.oregonk-12.com) (password is student ID number and first 3 letters of first name). If there is a prompt that asks if you want to save username and password for the future, say yes.

In Accelerate, your child's name should show in the upper right corner. All the courses will show as tiles on that page. Click and choose a course (i.e. - subject, like Math or Language Arts) to begin Module 1 . After the first login, you might want to bookmark the Accelerate login page. Feel free to explore tomorrow with your child and get used to everything. There are resources for the home learning coach. Here is a link: <https://learningcoach.accelerate.education/>.

Accelerate has some assignments that need to be printed and uploaded. You can learn more about uploading assignments here in the Getting Started section: <https://learningcoach.accelerate.education/>. If you are unable to print, you may use your own lined paper. In the upcoming weeks, we'll have a plan so that parents will be able to pick up paper assignments in advance if they can't print.

Beginnings can be both exciting and difficult, particularly in a time where we don't know what's going to happen next. Please know, we appreciate you and we want the very best for your child.

*"At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents."*  
Jane D. Hull

With gratitude,  
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