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Our commitment to early literacy has never been stronger.

Read Charlotte [elise@readcharlotte.org]

Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 10:58 AM

To: Steve Johnston

Open Books. Open Opportunity.

Our Commitment to Literacy

It's impossible to open any website or email without reading something about the reality we're all currently living. Like you, we continue to be most concerned about the health and safety of the students, families and partners that make up this incredible community. Early literacy is a vital part of the social infrastructure in Charlotte-Mecklenburg. Since 2015, Read Charlotte has worked tirelessly to increase the reading proficiency of Charlotte's third graders by focusing on targeted parts of the birth-3rd grade system. Our team is concerned about the reading loss that's likely occurring for thousands of children in our community while schools are closed. While the coronavirus pandemic is posing new challenges in our city, it also creates new opportunities to come together (virtually) to support our community with creative solutions that in many ways are more critical than ever. It will be key to come together as a community with a strong recovery plan so that we make up lost ground in reading as quickly as possible. Our commitment to early literacy has never been stronger. Together, we will #KeepLearningCLT.



We couldn't love this more! Our partners are getting creative to continue reaching families (EVERY NIGHT) with Active Reading, Home Reading Helper and more.



APRIL 14

Read Charlotte's executive director, Munro Richardson, on Tuesday, April 14th, is moderating a national webinar hosted by the Campaign for Grade-Level Reading on the "Science of Reading." We have three great panelists, including _____ a reporter with American Public Media, whose national reporting on reading instruction in an October 2018 podca _____ st year went viral in the education world.



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#KeepLearningCLT

A record-breaking number of people have been using [this online list of supplemental resources](#) that we launched on March 20. Read Charlotte worked with multiple community partners to curate options that span Pre-K-12th grade (and cover a variety of subject areas) to help families keep learning alive at home. The majority of the websites and apps are free and **can be used directly by children** in the household.



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