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Dear Friends:

Our work together is, by every measure, important work. As educators, we are committed to our collective growth with your children as they experience, first-hand, the joyfulness that is an education at Primary Day – on campus or as ‘virtual learners’! Growing together, with you as learning partners, has never been more important than it is today. Cooperatively, we are implementing our distance learning curricula.

In addition to daily lessons with homeroom teachers, zoom classes with special area teachers and detailed assignment plans, we are working hard to incorporate more opportunities for differentiation and video-based learning into our offerings. **As the program expands over time, pay close attention to ‘Sunday emails’ for updates and changes!** On a special note, please remember that when your child is participating in a zoom class, it is important they attend to each lesson respectfully and in a quiet space, without the distractions of meals or other activities and that their siblings do not participate. Thank you and, for your reference, I’ve attached some additional articles that you may find helpful.

Opportunities for me to interact with the students have been wonderful as well. This week I enjoyed a wonderful ‘Zoom Lunch’ with PK & K, but unfortunately encountered difficulties with the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade session, which we have rescheduled for next week. Although our time together was brief, I was very excited to see your children, and was reminded of how much I miss my time on campus watching them hard at work with their teachers and classmates. To enable us to stay connected, ‘Zoom Lunch’ times for next week are noted below.

In the coming days, you will receive a letter from me via the USPS, which was sent to the entire Primary Day community. The trustees and I thought it important to share information about the school’s response to this worldwide crisis, as we know how important it is to stay connected, now more than ever. And, in the words of an anonymous poet to help us to *“remember there is a deeper strength and an amazing abundance of peace available to you. Life continues around us, even when our troubles seem to stop time. There is always good in life. Take a few minutes to distract yourself from your concerns; long enough to draw strength from a tree or find pleasure in a bird’s song.”*

With our real partnership close at hand, I want to thank you for your feedback via messages and telephone calls. Your thoughts relative to the structure of our program, teacher engagement and what is working for your family and what does not, are all critical to our success and I encourage you to continue to reach out to me or to your child’s teacher(s) as often as you like.

Warmly,



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