



March 27, 2020

Dear Parents,

Today marks the ninth day that we have been learning at home. I have been so impressed by all you have been doing with your children! I have seen so many nice projects, and so much creativity. I know that there are probably days when you are feeling overwhelmed, but I hope that you can reach out to our community of friends for support. We are learning together, making mistakes and growing in our talents and abilities. We always tell our students that mistakes are all a part of learning.

This crisis has also created opportunity. Your children will look back on these days they have spent with you and it will stand out in their mind as a wonderful and momentous time. This time with loved ones can never be replaced and the effort and work that you are doing is very important and meaningful. There are very few times when we have so much time with each other!

For teachers and staff, we too have learned so much. Through professional development, round tables, exploring new programs, and using new tools, we have grown in our skills and stretched in ways we could never have done in other circumstances. We will be taking those skills and new tools back to school with us. We are life-long learners.

The collaboration, kindness, sense of community and caring our faculty and staff have for our students and families has been extended to our online and now physically distant school community. Our teachers are sharing information, supporting each other, teaching and offering kindness to each other. Our teachers also have families with varying schedules and responsibilities. I am grateful, as I know you are, for their dedication and hard work.

I am proud of our school and appreciate the feedback that you have shared thus far with us. As Michelle said in her letter, we are here for you. I know you are wondering about when school will reopen. We are following the governor's mandate, which most recently instructs New York State schools to remain closed until April 15th. We will continue to keep you updated as soon as we know more information. If you have ideas for how we can better serve you and your children during this time, please let us know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Kambrich".

Susan Kambrich, Ed.D.
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