



Dear Parents,

I'd like to begin this message with an applause - for our health workers, absolutely, but also for our educators, our parents, and our students. All of you are finding new ways to continue learning, working, and caring for one another. Parents, thank you for creating space and time in your work and home life to support your children's learning.

Our teachers are striving to help find a balance of work time, down time, play time, and family time. We know that learning is most effective as a social experience, so teachers are also working to maintain personal connections with your children.

**A Note about Grades:**

- As much as possible, we want students to engage and participate in remote learning by completing activities and turning in assignments.
- Students will receive feedback and grades as appropriate during remote learning; however, teachers are amending lessons and refining delivery options as much as possible to focus on engagement rather than performance.
- Our aim is for student and family success. We encourage families to reach out to teachers, Mrs. Holmes, or Mr. Buffington with questions or concerns.
- Flexibility and grace will be extended early and often.

**A Note about Standardized Testing:**

- All Spring 2020 Standardized Assessments have been canceled (3rd-5th ACT Aspire and 1st-2nd CogAT).

**A Note about April Chapel:**

Our theme for April is love. Easter is an awesome celebration of God's love for us, so even during this unusual season, may you experience God's love in a new and fresh way. Below is a little Easter chapel message created for our elementary students.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DjD2EldsveY&feature=youtu.be>

In closing, one of our Chapel pledges reminds us that, "...with God's help, we will succeed!"

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