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As I reflect each week before I write my Thursday message, my mind always goes back to March 13 and the news we received of the school closure. I remember preparing materials that weekend, wondering if I was sending too much or too little. Thank goodness for technology that has allowed us to keep learners moving forward during this time. Thank you for checking the At-Home Learning webpage each week, and thank you for your questions.

I've also reflected on the timing of our school closure due to Covid 19, and I'm so glad it didn't happen in the dead of winter. I hope your families are enjoying time outside. I've had some good days planting flowers, trimming, and sprucing up our yard. I have the gnat bites to prove it. I'll be glad when the humidity lifts and have big plans to be outside most of the weekend.

Next week will be our last week of learning together. It feels odd to not be in the building at Manz with the excited rumble of conversation from students. I've cherished all of the phone conversations, pictures, and notes from first graders as we start to get our minds and hearts ready to close this school year. If you haven't sent a picture of your child or a picture of something your child worked on during At-Home Learning for our Memory Book, there's still time. I'd like every student to be included.

If it works in your schedule, please consider heading over to South Middle School today from 11:30 – 1:00 for a bag of FREE books and some math materials for the summer. The giveaway is happening in the LOWER parking lot off Hester Avenue. Look for Mrs. Decker and give her a wave!

You're in the home stretch now. You're probably tired and your children probably aren't. It's hard to match that energy, so allow yourself a break and let them play outside a little longer. Read an extra book with them at bedtime.

With thanks for all your support,
Mrs. Bauer