

April 14, 2020

Dear First Grade Families,

I'm glad the sun is shining, but this snow can go any time! Mr. Bauer said he doesn't mind it, as it gives us something else to talk about other than social distancing and the things we can't find in the grocery store. I'm looking forward to warmer days this weekend.

Our At Home Learning (AHL) page is being updated this morning to include different supplemental learning activities for this week. As Mrs. Grant shared in her video message, next week we'll be sharing some new, more specific learning targets and activities. Some parents have asked if they are limited to only these activities. No, you are not limited at all! Please, if you find other things to do that move your child forward in any capacity, do them. Every family is in a different situation with work, child care, other children at home, technology, and other available resources. I continue to encourage you to do what works best for YOUR family right now.

One family shared that they're learning about geography by putting addresses into Google Earth, following the map, and then finding the house to see what color it is. Another family shared they're learning about cooking, and the excitement from the child at learning how to crack an egg was enjoyed by the whole family. Many families are doing simple science experiments that they've found online. An extension to ANY learning activity is to have your children write about those activities, if you choose. Again, do what works for YOUR family.

Something fun thing I'm doing with my grandson, Carter is reading with him every night. He FaceTimes me before he goes to bed, and we take turns reading pages in the book Wonder by R.J. Palacio. When don't have to be apart anymore, we're going to watch the movie together. Carter has already decided which movie snacks we're going to have. Our 2 year old grandson, Dawson also likes to read via FaceTime, and while he only lasts through about 6 pages of a picture book, I love every minute I get to see them. Our granddaughter Harper is only 11 months old, but we do a wonderful rendition of "The Itsy Bitsy Spider" every day, via FaceTime.

Please continue sending notes, pictures, and videos of your children. I miss them. And of course, keep reading every day!

Love,  
Mrs. Bauer