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Dear Parents of K-5 Students:

I hope you and your loved ones are staying safe and healthy during this challenging time. While we miss your children greatly, we recognize that their health and well-being, and the health and well-being of our staff, must come first. I also want to thank you for your efforts to support your child's learning at home while you balance so many work and family demands. Remote learning will continue through the last day of the school year.

Content and Schedule

We are asking that you keep doing the best you can, even if the full schedule isn't possible for your family. We have simplified the content and expectations for each subject, so teachers can focus their lessons and assignments on the most important ideas and skills your child will need to succeed in school next year.

Lessons on TV

Because we know that math is particularly challenging for many students and parents, we are adding mini-math lessons on GCSTV, starting this week as another option for support. The lessons will start at 8am in the morning for kindergartners, 9am for 1st graders, etc. and will feature a new lesson for each grade level at the start of each hour throughout the day. Math lessons and activities with your child's teacher will continue in Canvas.

Grading

In keeping with a new grading policy adopted by the state school board, our grading guidance has changed since our last communication to you. Your child's third quarter report cards will show student progress through March 13, the last day prior to school closures. Students in grades K-5 will not receive grades for fourth quarter. However, teachers will provide written feedback for fourth quarter based on what they have completed during remote learning, and your child's grade level for the 2020-2021 year will be indicated. If your child will require remote learning during the summer to fill in learning gaps, the final report card will provide that information.

Please contact your child's school with any questions you may have. Again, thank you for your patience and perseverance. We appreciate you more than you'll ever know, and so look forward to seeing your children again when schools reopen.

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Enclosure: Frequently Asked Questions, Grades K-11

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