

Dear Families,

I am trying to take care of a few items all in one email so as to not overwhelm your inbox so please read each bullet.

1) Come out tomorrow for our Wave Train from teachers! The schedule is attached!

2) Please take a minute to fill out in regard to the needs for emergency childcare during the COVID-19 Pandemic. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3HSNNYJ>

3) We also want to promote filling out the census via my2020census.gov to ensure everyone is counted. It's easy, you don't need your ID number (just click '**If you do not have a Census ID, click here**' on the second screen), you will just need your physical address to start the questionnaire. So many grants use census information so we want to be counted!

4) Keep up the great work at home! Our teaching team has grown, so you are all a part of that now!

5) This situation is a tough one in so many ways but our perspective on it is truly what matters. Many of us have had way more quality time with our families than we ever asked for. However, I can say personally that the time I have gotten to spend with my family has been such a gift in my own life. I hope you are feeling the same way. There are many who are facing uncertainty in their lives with employment, business decisions, healthcare decisions, and many who are missing friends and family. I encourage you to reach out to a friend by phone or video chat and reconnect with them. Enjoy each moment and cherish it with your family members. Play some board games, read some books, cook dinner together! The way we frame

our world and the mindset we maintain make all the difference. We are going to have a lot more time with our family, the circumstances are less than desirable, but this is really an incredible gift. While it is hard to not think about the things you will be missing, try to think about the things you will be getting. More real conversation, more laughs, more hugs, and more perspective and appreciation on our everyday freedoms that we will get back to in time. I am honored to continue to serve you, I am humbled by the heroic, relentless dedication to learning and supporting kids our staff has shown, and I miss your kids and cannot wait to see them again soon.

6) Also, your teachers will tell you I am in the classrooms quite a bit. I will begin unannounced teaching observations at your houses on Monday. Just kidding!!

7) Please unplug for the weekend and enjoy your family. Please remember that we are always connected! If your child needs to talk to someone about their work, please do not hesitate to reach out to a teacher or myself. I would be glad to give them a call myself to check-in.

8) Looking ahead, based on the information available right now, spring break will be spring break as scheduled from 4/4-4/19.