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From The Principal's Desk:



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Dear Erving Elementary School Families,

I miss you all very much! I've been glad to be able to connect with several of you through email, and I've enjoyed seeing the Dojo messages, emails and photos that have been sent to classroom teachers. It is very grounding and heartwarming to stay connected during this time apart.

Many thanks go to the EES staff members who have reached out to families and provided learning activities. There are several ideas and information for families to access posted on the EES website. Although in-person educational operations have been suspended until May 4, 2020, staff members continue to plan best methods for how to equitably provide families with alternative access to student learning opportunities during this period. Please be patient, as I continue to work with the staff to create distance learning opportunities for your children.

As a reminder, teaching staff will be available to check in with students and families twice a week. We welcome families to check in with teachers by ClassDojo, or email, and also please feel free to reach out to me at candito@erving.com. Classroom teachers have graciously shared photos of EES students at home over the past two weeks, what a joy to see the kids. If you would like to stay connected with EES students, staff and families, share your photos with me, and they will be published in the weekly newsletter.

I'm also reminding families to please fill out the technology survey that was sent via ClassDojo earlier this week. Your answers will help us better understand the connectivity of our community as we think about planning and learning in the days to come. Thank you in advance for your important feedback.

Please reach out to the school staff if your family needs additional support. We're here for you! Be well, stay healthy, stay positive.

Sincerely,

Lisa Candito



The Candito family during this time away from school

A message from our Literacy Team

Looking for some ways to help encourage your children to read at home?



Keeping it simple and fun is a great approach. Encourage your children to find a book that they enjoy and find a cozy corner to read in. They could build an indoor fort and read their favorite books from home in there.



Another idea could be to get outside and play and then draw a picture of what they did and write about it in their journal.



Using their 5 senses, look for signs of spring and create an acrostic poem and illustration with the word S-P-R-I-N-G.



Posting creative work from others will only motivate and encourage our students to want to do the same. It will keep them connected to their peers when pictures and activities are being posted through class Dojo.



Some families are enjoying dusting off the classic board games and playing Scrabble, Monopoly, and Candyland.



There are many great literacy resources being posted on the EES website if you are interested.



A popular website to check out is storylineonline.net/ with storytellers reading books and including activity guides from grades K-5.



Another website that is liked by many is totallythebomb.com. This website allows you to go on 33 different national park virtual tours. It is quite fascinating and then your child can summarize or share something they liked or learned from the tour and post on class Dojo.



The bottom line is try to keep it simple, engaging and fun! You are all doing a great job from home.

