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Dear Parents and Students,

As we move along with this new way of “remote learning”, I would like to thank you for the hard work you have been doing. We understand that this new adventure has some of you feeling overwhelmed with the additional tasks this crisis has added to your already hectic life.

Remember that the idea of the work we are assigning is to complete four hours of work each day. This work will not only help in keeping our student’s skills sharp, but will also keep a routine for the children, which will be very important as we spend an increasing amount of time in our homes. However, we do not want our children stressed or overwhelmed.

If your child is struggling with any work, remember that his/her teacher is available to answer questions each day between 8:30am -12:30pm. Further, you can contact our school social worker at mvineis@gboe.org. Teach your child how to get in contact with their teacher, if they are able. It is ok to do work outside of these hours too, but questions to the teacher may not be answered until the next day.

If you are finding that the work is done too quickly, there are many learning opportunities right around you. Perhaps you could interview a family member and write about them; measure the perimeter of each room in your home; graph the types of birds that you see out the window; built a fort in your home and create stories to tell your family over dinner; alphabetize spices in your kitchen; call a friend and have them teach you words from another language; construct a family tree; draw a map of your home and neighborhood; learn and practice how to tell new jokes; walk up and down stairs counting by 2s, 3s, etc. Be creative in guiding your child’s learning! Remember, learning should be fun!!

The packet that is being handed out is a good resource for the work, but it is extremely important that you refer to our webpage (found at the top of this page), and more specifically your teacher’s classroom webpage. It is also imperative that you keep in constant contact with your teacher, both for help, and for updates on the student’s work.

As for an update on our facility, our custodial and maintenance staff performed a deep cleaning of all classrooms last week. They will repeat the process again before we return to our classrooms for normal instruction.



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Thank you for being a strong partner with us. I, along with the teachers, will continue to update you as more information become available. Please stay safe and healthy. Remember that social distancing will help us "flatten the curve". It may be very difficult both for you and your child, but please try to follow the recommendations and guidelines communicated by the State. Take this time to enjoy your family!

Be well and stay safe!

Sincerely,
Jeffrey B. Wilson



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