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Dear River School Parents,

As Spring Break comes to a close and we embark on this journey of Distance Learning together starting March 30, we wanted to share a few things you can expect in the coming weeks with our Continuity of Learning Plan. Your child's teaching team will be reaching out to you directly about their plan for the class and your student. Our Distance Learning Plan will provide a flexible approach to ensure that our students continue to develop their love of learning during this time. While our traditional methods of interaction have changed temporarily, we hope you will find the teachers' creativity regarding ways to bridge the distance as thoughtful as we do.

The areas below highlight just a few of the ways we will support your child in the coming weeks:

- Daily Note sent each morning with specific lessons and activities for your child
- Specific learning goals/objectives that follow our curriculum
- Ongoing assignments/conferences related to the curriculum
- Links to videos and mini-lessons
- Virtual field trips
- Virtual conferences with students
- Class Newsletters/writing activities
- Arts & Sciences Faculty Highlights Newsletters with activities to do at home
- Video links from the Arts & Sciences faculty, and special appearances by fan favorites, including Mr. Jones, Mr. Corbett and Miss Rose

Many of you have asked what you can do to support your student's success. You can help by:

- Providing a consistent, quiet location that allows for your child to spread out and do their best work
- Partnering and communicating with teachers to try new ideas and ways of learning
- Uploading photos and work to share with your child's teaching team
- Providing technological support
- Playing/reading regularly with your child

If your family has difficulty accessing technology, please reach out to [Nicky David](#). We are here to help. Visit our [coronavirus web page](#) for updates, resources and copies of the messages to the River community.

Please enjoy this short [video](#) as a preview of what's to come this week! We're excited to get started.

Warmly,  
Sharlene, Meredith and Marie

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