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UPDATE

Dear Parents,

We hope everyone is having a nice "Spring Break" week. Whether you are engaged in helping others (we thank our health care workers, first responders, and those assisting our elderly/needy population SO much), catching up on previous assignments, reviewing previous explanations and instructions, organizing students' work, or enjoying family time together, we understand the difficulties and unique positions this pandemic has placed everyone in. We hope to overcome these obstacles and get back to our normal lives. We have certainly learned some lifelong lessons from this historic event.

With regard to the students' Fourth Quarter Binder: organize by subject all work (include worksheets, loose leaf pages, pages from their notebooks, and any additional work completed by the student). The weekly Assignment Checklist can be completed each week (initialed by the student and parent as each assignment is completed, with extra work listed and any comments regarding specific items). These will be turned in (at a designated time in the future) and used to verify the completion of the assignments by the students.

All assignments will continue to be posted on the school website. Any upper elementary group e-mails which the teachers send to their parents/students will be sent between 9:00 AM and 10:00 AM, and between 3:00 PM and 4:00 PM. These emails may contain worksheets, videos, explanations, answers to questions, additional information from the teachers, or instructions going into the next day's assignment. Parents and students who have questions may contact the teachers via email or telephone. Virtual options are being set up, and privacy issues are being prioritized.

In every effort to secure our students' and teachers' privacy, we will not be utilizing Zoom as a virtual learning platform due to Zoom's ongoing privacy issues. We, however, realize that a virtual option is beneficial to our students and good for morale at this time. Starting next week, upper elementary teachers will be sending weekly videos to their classes to supplement their already-assigned work. In addition, upper elementary teachers will be specially setting aside time each day from 12 PM to 3 PM for one-on-one tutoring for students in need of extra instruction. If your student wishes to sign up for a virtual tutoring session, please contact your teacher to set up a method (parent-monitored FaceTime, WhatsApp, or phone call) and a time slot to conduct your session.

As previously noted, teachers will continue with the current methods that have proven to be successful.

At this time, we do not know if we will return to campus by May. We are working on how we will handle our usual end-of-the-year activities (graduation ceremonies, academic and extracurricular awards, etc.) and assessments. We will notify everyone as information becomes available. Stay safe, and thank you again to everyone for your cooperation.

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