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Dearest Families and Students,

The Erdkinder teachers hope that you are all well and finding ways to enjoy our “social distancing” and the other restrictions due to COVID-19. As we approach more time away from school than originally anticipated, the Erdkinder teachers feel it is vital that our students maintain some kind of routine, of normalcy. While many things are uncertain at this time, I have great comfort in relying on things that are certain. Education is one of those things.

Although students were sent home a packet with online resources from the district, our plan is to continue working as usual with student assignments being assigned via Google Classroom. We are excited to deliver meaningful work that has the potential of broadening concepts that may be restricted by time constraints in the classroom.

Another bit of good news is that SCCPSS has postponed GMAS for this year due to the uncertainty of the situations we are all facing. That gives us even more time to dive deep into the curriculum and provide more purposeful learning opportunities.

As far as trying to find the silver lining, CNBC.COM has shed some light on the positive things that are happening in our world. In Italy, because of the country-wide lockdown, the waterways are clearer and dolphins are taking advantage of the much quieter waterways. Air in Italy is cleaner. Satellite images from NASA show that China is also experiencing less air pollution. Light pollution is on the decline due to social distancing and people in Las Vegas can see stars in their skies that weren't visible before (www.standard.co.uk/news/world). Earth is healing and we can learn from that; we can learn to slow down, enjoy being outside, be happy that we are in a season of Spring's rebirth. We can value our time and return to simplified values.

All school information can be found on the district's website and the Ellis Facebook page. We look forward to seeing you and our students April 2nd. Should anything change, you will be informed.

With hope and a desire to positively educate your children,
The Erdkinder Team

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