

Dear Hegarty Family,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Passover and Easter holiday. I want to thank all of the children, families and staff who participated in our Virtual Spirit Week. It was so nice seeing all of your beautiful smiles! I am so proud of all the children for working so diligently during the last five weeks. I would also like to thank all of the parents and family members for their continued commitment to remote learning during this time.

As we continue with our digital learning, the teachers will post their daily assignments to the Teacher Webpages on the District's websites. In order to check-in and provide support, teachers will continue to utilize email and telephone calls to communicate with parents and students and to provide support with digital learning assignments. The faculty and I enjoy speaking to the children and hearing their sweet voices. In order to provide feedback and monitor each student's progress we ask that each child e-mail one weekly writing assignment to their teacher(s) as indicated on the teachers' webpage. Please be sure to check your child's teacher's webpage for daily assignments and updates. The teachers and I are looking forward to viewing each child's work, providing feedback and celebrating their achievement.

During this time, it is important that you continue to support your child to follow-through with all assignments. Active engagement over the long haul is essential to minimizing learning loss during this period. In addition, we remind our parents of the importance of reading daily with your child. Take time to read aloud a story together as a family. Use different voices for different characters. Ask your child questions about their reading. Try open-ended questions such as, "Why do you think the character did that? Or "What would you do if you were in that situation?" Aside from reading books in paper form or online, invite your child to read common things around your home such as menus, greeting cards, newspaper comic strips, etc. Word recognition is an important step for reading fluency. You can use strips of paper and tape to label everyday objects in your home to boost your child's familiarity with words. The possibilities are endless and the love of reading lasts a lifetime.

Please feel free to e-mail me at atccameron@islandparkschools.org. If you have any questions or concerns, please continue to use the "virtual hand raise" code in the email subject to communicate with your me and your child's teacher(s). Be sure to check my principal page for daily updates and news.

We are Hegarty Strong!

Ms. Cameron