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Aquarian Families,

I hope this email finds you well. I wanted to check in with everyone and give you an update. Aquarian teachers have been working very long hours learning new digital platforms and figuring out this new reality. We all miss our students and being together at school; however, we understand that this is for the safety of everyone in our community. Everyone is working from home now. Please use email, if you need to get ahold of any staff member. You can find everyone's email on the school website.

As we move forward, we must consider that we have students in a variety of different situations. Some students have a parent at home that can help with school-related tasks, some students have both parents working from home and must do most tasks independently, some students have a device to use, and others do not. I want to stress to everyone that the priority moving forward is making sure our students feel safe and loved.

That being said we will be moving forward slowly next week. We will be focusing on math and English language arts. However, there will not be due dates and assignments will not be graded. Teachers will finish training and setting up their distance classrooms this week. Please expect to hear from your classroom teacher by Friday with more information.

By the end of the week, every classroom will have had the opportunity to Zoom with one another. Zoom will be the way students will connect with their teachers if they have questions on assignments or need help troubleshooting one of the online resources. We are currently working on a Zoom office hours schedule. This schedule will be sent to families and will remain consistent. The office hours will be done by grade level. For example, all fifth-grade teachers will be present during the fifth grade office hours. This will help ensure that students will have access to a teacher, even if one of the teachers can not attend the session.

Again, we are all in this together. This is a stressful time in our world right now, and we need to prioritize loving one another. Please don't hesitate to reach out with questions or concerns. We are here for you! We may not have the answers just yet, but we are working on it. Right now I am asking everyone to be patient, flexible, and understand that we are all learning right now. We are going to make mistakes. Things will not be perfect every time, and that is OKAY. We will make it through this together. We love and miss you all.

Sincerely,  
Brittany Nerland