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Good Afternoon families,

I wanted to take a moment to thank you all for the support you are providing your children during this very challenging time. As a mother of an almost-7-year-old, I completely understand the challenges of homeschooling. And I'm a teacher! So thank you for your encouragement and patience as we work together to support them in their learning during this time. Please know that going forward after Spring Break, most of the learning will be new (or at least newly introduced) and we are truly trying to find the right balance between engagement, amount of content-covered, and amount of time spent on learning. I have and continue to welcome your feedback about what is (or is not) working; what your family enjoyed and what caused frustration. I recognize that this will not be something that is perfected in a week, but I am always hoping to grow and improve. The kids have been fantastic at asking questions, but please know that I am an email or possibly email-phone call away if you also feel like you could use support in understanding something. We are a team.

I REALLY enjoyed seeing so many of them on Zoom this week, connecting with them and hearing about what they have been up to. I found myself getting teary eyed seeing them for the first time either on zoom or talking with some of you on the phone. I think I saw or spoke with just about everyone! If I didn't, know that we will continue Zooming when we return from Spring Break and I am happy to set up times when we can walk through logging into a zoom together.

Please also know that unfortunately I wasn't able to connect by telephone with all families this week. However know that I will continue with my phone calling the week we return from break. Our 5th grade team will also send out a newsletter with new learning engagement lessons for your children to complete when we return – right now our GOAL is to have these activities to you all on Sunday the 12th. They will come out via email, on my district site, and on our Google classroom (which is where the kids are tending to access them).

Until then, the forecast looks sunny so I am hopeful you can take some time to rest, relax, and enjoy time with you children... where you don't have to be the person asking, "did you complete this assignment? Did you really?" 😊

All my best,

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