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Dear FVE 5th grade families,

5/3/2020

Happy May! It is hard to believe, but we have now been in distance learning for 7 weeks. Through our conversations with you and the students, we continue to refine our lessons and have now come to the point where our theme for this week is **BALANCE**. We are working to find a balance across content areas, in how much is assigned on given days, and following the flow of the week. As we integrate across multiple subject areas, we hope you and your child will see the ways in which the subjects are beginning to support and build off each other. We also hope to balance more rigorous work with some ways to practice that are fun and playful. We also want to hold up the word balance as we look at balancing class work with the play of being a kid. Over this coming week, the weather is beginning to warm up and we hope that we have designed our work so that kids can balance studying with playing outside: walks, bike rides, building a fort, helping in the garden, or helping make some food for a backyard picnic - there are so many ways the kids can still be kids during this strange time and we hope that this balance will also help bring some joy and perhaps even a hint of Spring-in-the-PNW-normalcy.

Always remember, the best place for your students to begin their lessons each day is to log into their Google Classroom and check the Classwork feed each day!

Last Thursday, we met with some students who provided us with their advice on how to complete assignments; here is what they shared:

- Use the planner for organization (some said they check off things as they go)
- Watch the teacher videos - they walk you through assignments
- Try to limit distractions (one shared that she keeps her cell phone away from where she is working)
- Set a time to start and take just mini breaks

Upcoming read aloud: It was so wonderful to see so many of you on Friday. We will try to work out a way to get books to the remaining students this week. As a reminder, we will be reading the novel *Chains* by Laurie Halse Anderson starting THIS week. If you would like to buy your own copy, they are on Amazon for \$5.59 OR you may check out a copy from school through the teachers.

Counselor Check-In: Mrs. Sample will be adding a social-emotional lesson as an option in our Google Classrooms. Additionally, she has created a form to complete if you would like to have her check in with your child: If you'd like Mrs. Sample to check in with your child, please have them fill out the following <https://forms.gle/zVUPJJmuHPkbXh397>

Please know you can reach out to any of us for support. We too will try this week to work on some balance for ourselves and our families, but know that if you reach out, we will try our best to respond as soon as we can.

We miss you all and hope you all stay safe, sane, and healthy. 😊

Take Care, The 5th grade team
Mrs. Teresa Reynolds, Mrs. Ally Nichol, Ms. Heather Knouse, and Mrs. Hailey Riehl

All my best,

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