Dear Families,

We are thinking about you and hope that you are all safe and healthy. I know that these times are challenging and can present a great deal of obstacles for us all. Our families are dealing with a broad range of circumstances, some have lost their jobs, others have become ill, and others report that they are doing well. Regardless of where you are in that spectrum, please know that you are not alone and that Esperanza is thinking about you and your family. Our community of Lawrence has been especially hit hard during this pandemic and we at Esperanza, are spending a lot of time thinking about what life at Esperanza will look like when we reopen school.

While it was expected, and we respect the decision, it was hard to hear that Governor Baker mandated that we close schools for the remainder of the year. As you know, Esperanza will adhere to those guidelines. All of the adults at Esperanza are missing our students. We all got into the field of education because we love working with students and believe in educating and nurturing their well being and potential. At Esperanza, in particular, our faculty and staff choose to work at our school because they believe in our mission, and believe in the brilliance of your daughters. So being physically distant from them right now at this moment leaves a void in all of our lives. We are eager to all be back under one roof celebrating our Esperanza family. As we continue with remote learning, I want you to consider a few things:

1) Remote learning will continue through the remainder of the academic year. Students will not repeat their grade. All students will advance to their next grade level.
2) Exams will not take place at the end of this academic year.
3) We will announce what our summer program will look like by June 10th. At this moment, we are not sure if we will have a summer program at Esperanza. If we are not able to gather together in person, based on the recommendations of public health officials, we will design an alternative solution. We will keep you updated as we learn more information. We hope we could all be together in July.
4) Our overnight camping experience at Camp Lawrence on Lake Winnipesaukee is scheduled for September 8th-11th. At this moment we have all intentions on still running our school camp.
5) The Family Resource page on our website continues to be updated. Please refer to this page for information on resources that may be of help to you and your family.

Please note that in September, we will focus the beginning of the school year with a slow transition for our students that has a strong emphasis on social emotional well being. Before we ask our students to dive deep into the academic program we will make space and time for our
students to process and heal (as much as possible) from all that is happening. For those of you worried that your child is falling behind academically, please know that this is a nationwide concern and our team is currently engaged with new research and studies to best understand how to bring students back up to speed. We are fortunate to have excellent teachers at Esperanza and I’m confident in their ability to catch students up. But first, and most importantly, we’ll make sure that the opening of school is designed to express love and care, so that we address the social emotional well being of each child.

Please know that we are thinking of you all. If you ever have any concerns or questions, and would like to connect with me, I am always available to you.

Thank you,
Jadi