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Hello parents!

Thank you so much for your cooperation over the last few weeks. We wanted to update you before spring break to let you know what will be happening as of April 14th.

APS will be sending you an email regarding the Continuous Education Plan. The email should come by **Thursday, April 9**. In this email it will break down how teachers will be providing instruction for the remainder of the year. This plan has been created by the APS Department of Teaching and Learning and will be followed by all elementary schools in the county.

Since we are departmentalized, our team will need to shift a few things but we think we have a good plan to reach all subject areas to reinforce learning that has taken place from quarter one through quarter three. In other words, APS has directed us to not teach new instruction and instead, enrich and extend on topics students have already been taught.

Our fifth grade team will be giving *about* 30 minutes per subject a day (Science, Writing, Reading, and Math) that focuses on the Virginia Standards of Learning Power Standards, which are the standards of highest priority or the most important for students to learn.

Students will need to check each class's designated Google Classroom account on a daily basis. These sites are where our team will post each assignment that students need to complete, as well as communicate with students directly.

We have decided we will have "office" hours available so students can use this time to ask questions to their teacher. We are still working on the details of how these office hours will work, but they will begin the week of April 20th. Once we have decided how to proceed, we will get the information to you and your children. These "office hours" will be held on Microsoft Teams. This application has been pushed out by APS to all students on their school ipad. Please have students locate the app and login so they become familiar. The login information is their student id number (lunch number) and birthday- students should know this login information.

Update on work:

- **Math** work will not be collected, aside from the few assignments they had to share on google with me. Please have your child keep all assignments in a safe place in case they need to reference it later.
- **Reading** assignments should be uploaded with pictures to google classroom or emailed directly to poppy.hall@apsva.us. Final projects will not be collected. Please put the books borrowed from Ms. Hall in a safe place and she will be in touch in the coming weeks about returning them.

- **Science** packets should be uploaded with pictures to the Science google classroom account, or e-mailed directly to Allyson.Greene@apsva.us.
- **Social Studies** work should be submitted through TCI. Mr. Fernandez will send an update regarding writing instruction in the coming weeks.

Reminder- Monday, April 13 is a Teacher Word Day and next week is Spring Break. Please enjoy the next week of no academic instruction, except 30 minutes of reading a day. Instruction will pick back up on April 14th.

As we move forward with instruction after spring break, we are going to try to go back to our Friday weekly updates. Our hope is that as this instruction becomes the new “norm” we will be able to minimize our emails to you.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to your homeroom teacher if you have any questions. If you have any questions related to Special Education services, please reach out to Sara Binet.

Thank you!
5th grade Team