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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you to everyone that joined me on zoom this morning and yesterday, it was great to have nearly every elementary student participate. I am excited for us all to continue to navigate and utilize the various online platforms in the coming days or weeks.

It is my goal to have approximately a half-day of structured and focused schoolwork each day for our kindergarten through sixth-grade students with the remaining hours be spent having fun, laughing, and enjoying each other while maintaining the suggested social distancing.

Unfortunately, at this time the only preschool supplement is [Waterford's Smart Smart PreK](#), which I was able to set up for each student yesterday. It is accessible from the student resources page on the school site. Lexi and I will be planning so stay tuned.

As we discussed, I am putting together [additional resources](#) for families as suggestions for enrichment and will try to plan some distant enrichment when possible. It is a work in progress and will get more attention soon, meanwhile please add comments or send suggestions!

I believe all student google accounts are now up and running. The main use for the accounts at this point in time will be for students and families to access Google Classroom which will be the main platform that independent lessons and assignments will be delivered. Additionally, some Chromebooks require a username and password to access, so again they will need to use their google accounts.

All student accounts are their firstname.lastname@garfmail.org with their passwords being the first letter of their first name followed by the first three letters of their last name and their unique four-digit number, all lowercase and no spaces. I will send each student's four-digit number directly to parents via Remind as soon as possible.

For those that were not on zoom and as a reminder for others, Google Classroom is where lessons and assignments will be delivered that can be completed on your own timeframe. I will try to include a number in front of each assignment so that they can be completed in chronological order. As always, I will be available to support on zoom as needed by appointment.

Intermediate students, 3-6, should be able to complete all assignments independently and will be in formats that they have previously used in school. Assignments will be delivered daily, including due dates.

Primary students, k-2, will need support from the family to complete and hopefully will be delivered for the week. I will send a tutorial and support as much as needed, meanwhile, check out the [linked video!](#)

In addition to these assignments, students should be completing their daily morning work, homework, and projects. Each student will also have a set schedule to meet on zoom for guided instruction with one of the teachers, these may be one-on-one or small group. I am currently working on the schedule with the staff with the hope of having it published for each family by Wednesday afternoon so that sessions can begin Thursday.

Please take a moment to complete the [linked survey](#) so that I can best schedule the various zoom lessons. If every family could please have at least one parent from each household complete the survey this evening or tomorrow morning it will support in creating the most optimal schedule.

We will meet each school morning at 9:00 on zoom for Morning Meeting as an entire elementary school. Students and family members are welcome to join each day. The zoom information for the ongoing meeting is on the school shared calendar or you can use the following to access it each day: [Morning Meeting link](#) or Meeting ID: 631 833 258 and Password: 055764.

I changed the settings to Remind so that you all may directly communicate with each other and other school staff during the school dismissal. With that said, please be cautious not to overuse as I don't want everyone to be so inundated that important messages are missed or even ignored.

I want to continue to thank each of you for your patience and support as we all navigate this change, especially today with my computer having a bit of a meltdown last night, not being able to access anything on or offline. Thank you, Anson, for making my temporary home classroom up and working again!

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out for support, to voice concerns, or ask questions. I am available on Remind, Zoom, and the telephone.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth Julian".

Elizabeth Julian