Dear Families:

Welcome to Week 2 of this adventure! I hope this email finds you all healthy. As I look at the week ahead, I wanted to give you a few pieces of information.

- 1. We as a staff, understand that you have embarked on a new journey as a homeschool teacher during a difficult time. Please know that we understand that many of you may still be working or that you are trying to teach two or three or even four kids, while trying to balance the rest of your life. So please do not worry if you do not get all the work done. We understand and are here to support you.
- 2. We will have <u>one more</u> packet pick-up this Tuesday, March 24 from 9:00 to 2:00 <u>FOR SOME GRADE LEVELS</u>. It will take place in the drop-off and pick-up line, just as the last one did. <u>This pick-up is only for kindergarten</u>, <u>first and fourth grade</u>. For those families with preschoolers, second and third graders, their work will all be posted online, please refer to communications from your child's teacher about specifics. There will be some students who will continue to receive analog materials over the next weeks; however, this will be communicated directly by the student's teacher. You may again pick up packets for other families and if you cannot make your scheduled time, you may come during the other time. Also, if you need to come on Wednesday, you may pick it up in the front office.

Pick Up Schedule: Tuesday, March 24 th			
Grades Picking Up:	9:00-11:30	11:30-2:00	
Kindergarten	Last Name A-L	Last Name M-Z	
Grade One			
Grade Four			
If you have been notified that there is technology for you to pick up and Mastricola is			
designated as your school for pick up, it will be ready at this time. You will need to sign			
a release to take the device.			
If this needs to be rescheduled due to snow, I will send another School Messenger.			

- 3. As you may or may not know, we completed half of our parent conferences before the school closure. We will complete the other half through phone conferences on Thursday, April 2nd. Your child's teacher will be in touch about the specifics for each classroom.
- 4. If you are looking for a way to start the day, we are doing our morning announcements and posting them on our MES website and on the JMES PATT Facebook page.
- 5. The Unified Arts Teachers will post their lesson plans on their individual websites, accessed off of the MES website. You may want to follow your child's usual schedule and complete the Unified Arts lesson on the day they have that lesson.

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Art	Mrs. Bosiak:
	https://merrimack.learning.powerschool.com/susan.bosiak/mrs.bosiaksartclass/cms_page/view_
Music	Mrs. Beaudet:
	https://merrimack.learning.powerschool.com/teresa.beaudet/mrs.beaudetsmusicclass/cms_page/view_
PE	Mr. Croteau: https://merrimack.learning.powerschool.com/shawn.croteau/pewebpage/cms_page/view_
Computers	Mrs. McLaughlin-Pereira:
_	https://merrimack.learning.powerschool.com/erica.mclaughlin/mescomputers/cms_page/view/48101541
Library	Mrs. Compton:
	https://merrimack.learning.powerschool.com/elizabeth.compton/meslibrarymediacenter/cms_page/view

6. As we move into Week 2 of remote learning our educators are practicing video conferencing skills with each other through the use of Zoom. As we become more familiar with the tool, our goal is to begin using it in order to allow "face to face" remote learning. We know your students are eager to see their teachers' faces and we are definitely missing them! If you are unfamiliar with Zoom, I am attaching some tutorials so that you may become familiar with it as well. I know it will not be perfect and not all students will be available to participate, that is okay. We will all do the best we can!

Zoom Tutorials