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Dear Families,

I hope you are safe and well.

Earlier this evening, I sent out a message on our School Messenger system to kick off Family Week. In addition to my phone messages, it's important I send you this letter to be clear of our expectations. Events are happening fast. I apologize for the last minute updates. This experience is new to everyone. Our school community is doing their best to support you considering the circumstances. I want to again thank you for all your efforts and support as we do this work together. We couldn't do this work without you. As a parent of young children, I know exactly what you are all experiencing. It's not easy and I commend your efforts.

Tomorrow begins FAMILY WEEK. We are shifting our focus from our regular studies to more theme based lessons/activities for the next seven school days (April 9 - April 17th). The lessons are to be a break from the regular academic work everyone is doing. Yet, we know the importance of keeping students engaged and busy during the mandatory "PAUSE" issued by Governor Cummo, until further notice. We encourage you to sit in with your children for the lessons and become active participants.

Below is information to guide you through Family Week.

1. Family Week dates; April 9th - April 17th: replacing the previously scheduled Spring Break.
2. Family Week Themes; 4/9 (College & Career Readiness), 4/10 (ARTS), 4/13 (Science), 4/14 (Computer Science), 4/15 (Health & Wellness), 4/16 (World Language), 4/17 (Culminating Lessons).
3. We hope you and your children can participate. This is not mandatory for students. Families who choose to celebrate the religious holidays on Thursday and Friday - please do so and enjoy your time together. Attendance will be recorded but will have no impact on a student's grades. We understand everyone needs a break.
4. Students will not be following the Remote/Virtual schedule during these days. We have created a family week schedule found on our school's home page www.ms202q.org.
5. Students will receive the one lesson each day during family week. They will not have any other classes/lessons following the theme based lesson on these days. Our regular Virtual Remote schedule will restart on Monday April 20th.
6. Start your day as you regularly do with The Pledge of Allegiance. After this, have your child log into their PD 1 College and Career classroom. Each class has been assigned a teacher that students are familiar with who will deliver the lesson. After the lesson, students are done for the day.

7. Should you have any questions or programming concerns, fill out the question box on the home page as soon as you can and someone will reach out to assist you.

I hope this information clarifies some questions you may have. I want to publicly thank my staff who have done an amazing job in providing a meaningful learning experience during the lockdown. Please thank them too if you have the chance.

I will continue to update families weekly with my Sunday evening phone call. Check the school website daily for updates as well.

Stay well. Stay safe.

William M. Fitzgerald

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