



Monday, March 23

Dear Lower School Families,

Thank you. Thank you for jumping into this messy middle with us. Thank you for your emails of gratitude, encouragement, and questions. I'd like to highlight a few that filled our buckets this week.

- A mom of three Lower Schoolers expresses her gratitude:
"What a way to start my son's morning today! He had to restart the morning meeting video so that I could hear the teacher's kind compliments toward him. What a motivator! I love that you all do that in the classroom, and especially that you're continuing it through virtual learning. Thanks, too, for all your efforts to keep everyone on track. The level of organization you all achieved in a few short days is impressive, and all's going well on our end."
- A mom of a second grader shares her son's deep thoughts:
*"Nothing is impossible except a four-sided triangle- because that is really just a rhombus.'
While technically I would argue that would be a quadrilateral (of which rhombus is one), I admire the sentiment and resiliency."*
- One kindergartner responded to the prompt asking:
"What could make virtual learning better for you?"

"A little more laser tag."

We continue to be committed to being creative and flexible. We learned a lot last week. We recognize that PowerSchool Learning has been sluggish at times and are researching solutions to continuously improve and expand this home learning experience. Our highest priority continues to be healthy, happy, and challenged Mustangs, and our teachers and tech teams are working hard to make this happen.

You will notice one major improvement on our Home Learning Calendar, an assignment key. We hope this key helps you and your child prioritize their time and learning. If a task ever becomes too long or frustrating, regardless of the key, please stop and email your teacher.

➤ Must-Do/Post

🕒 May-Do

◆ Assessment

Track Work

As much of a virtual learning experience is delivered through screens, please help your children stay safe online by considering a platform like [Bark](#), checking your home filters, and setting timers to “turn it off.”

Your feedback and support mean so much. Please take a few minutes to complete [this feedback form](#) by Wednesday, March 25, 11:00 a.m., so that we may collect more systemic parent feedback as we review our Home Learning Plan. Also, please keep emailing me, tweeting, and commenting on FreshGrade. We love it.

Warm regards,

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