



Dear First Grade Families,

First and foremost we want to recognize that everyone's lives are flipped upside down right now. We also know that the abundance of information coming at you will take some time to process, especially while you attempt to find balance in your newly designed lives. We are all in the same boat! Brunswick Administrators have directed all teachers to use the home learning template attached to this letter for consistency and ease of use for all families. Our hope is that it will serve as a guide for you to help structure the week for you and your child.

As you venture into week 3, we want you to remember the following:

- Support your child in completing as much or as little as you see fit.
- The material is not meant to replace teaching, nor are you expected to teach any skills. They are meant for reinforcement.
- For now, we are working under the umbrella of PRACTICE and ENGAGE. You will find that the calendar may not work for your family's schedule or the activity doesn't line up with the weather for that day or you/your child's interest level - feel free to mix and match anything on the calendar to make it work for you and your family.
- In addition, there is a link on the calendar that will guide you to our Grade 1 Distance Learning Website. Here you will find an abundance of supplemental materials. Our goal is not to overwhelm you with emails. We will use this platform to store resources we think might be helpful to you. Please realize that this is a work in progress and will be added to as we move forward by each teacher in first grade.
- Above all, make this **fun**. This should not cause tears (for anyone)!

Over the course of the 3rd week, we will begin to increase engagement through video and digital platforms. Engage with what works for your families and know that this is supplemental to the weekly templates you will receive. We are working on a "slow roll" for ourselves and our families as we all navigate this new territory. Please remember that you can email your child's teacher any time with questions, comments, challenges, and celebrations.

Stay safe, healthy, and enjoy this unexpected time with your families!

- Your Grade 1 Teaching Team