



**BROOKLYN
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Dear Lower School Families:

The teachers and I hope that the messages, recordings, and activities/lessons we sent to you yesterday have been received and enjoyed thoroughly. Today marks the end of Day 2, Remote Learning. For our young children, K-4, we recognize that remote learning requires family engagement. We hope that you have found inspiration and enjoyment, too, as you have supported your child. The teachers and I can't thank you enough for your involvement and for the sincere and positive messages and photos we have received from you and your child as we step into this new way of teaching and learning.

It is our greatest hope that we will return to 375 Pearl Street after the break; but in the event that we do not, our teachers have been working with each other (virtually) to develop longer range remote learning plans.

I am extremely proud of the way Lower School colleagues have thoughtfully engaged in our own learning. We've been sharing resources with one another and learning from schools from around the world. We've participated in online seminars and will continue to engage in professional learning so that our remote learning plans, should they continue, remain age-appropriate, imaginative, and stimulating.

In addition to the strong collaboration amongst colleagues, I must give a shout-out to Katie Banks, Assistant Head of LS for Academics, and Tracy Chow, LS Technology Integrator, who have supported our teaching teams in immeasurable ways. It's a different way of teaching, but the collegial support, sharing, and joy we experience when we are physically together remains consistent, virtually!

We missed giving your child a proper good-bye this week. Please share with your child our love - a big hug, or a fist bump, or both! Lower School Colleagues and I are holding all of our families in the light as we navigate through this unpredictable time together.

Wishing you much peace.

In friendship,

Jacquelyn Condie
Head of Lower School

For easy reference, I am sharing with you the link to our remote learning plan with links to calming and meditative activities which you can do with your child, as well as resources to support adults: [Virtual BFS: Our Plans for Remote Learning](#).