



École Élémentaire MARTHA CURRIE Elementary School

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To the Parents/Guardians of Martha Currie Students,

We hope all of you are continuing to be healthy and safe during this unusual time. We want to acknowledge how difficult things are for many families, so we all look forward to getting back to a state of normalcy....whenever that might be!

Until that happens, we wanted to give you a sense of what is happening at the school level. As we mentioned in our last update, the Martha Currie staff has started on the road to this new learning journey. All of our staff have been collaborating, sharing resources, picking up materials, and preparing for the students. Today, we had a full staff meeting (online), and very early plans are in place.

By tomorrow, you should be receiving some communication (if you haven't already) from your classroom teacher. Please make sure you let your teacher know that you have received the message, so they know that you are in touch. By Thursday, you will receive your first 'assignment' for your child. Please know that teachers have been told that they can start 'small' and this week is about reconnecting with students, so assignments may reflect that nature. Programs will build with time. This will look different for each teacher, but we want to remind you that all of us are going through a learning curve, and the lessons will start to flow as we work out the bumps.

Please also remember that the focus of the lessons will be on literacy and numeracy, but integration of other subjects is always a possibility. On that note, we will really need our parent-partners to help us out. Please work with your child to ensure they are keeping up with any requirements that have been placed on them. We know that this can cause some difficulty, but please do the best you can. As well, if you need any technology support, please let your classroom teacher know. For our essential service parents, other than thanking you for what you do, we want to make sure that you are aware of the website that connects you to child care in Surrey. Please go to:

<https://www.surreyschools.ca/Pages/ecw.aspx>

For our French Immersion families, we recognize that many of you do not speak French and that your children may not be immersed in the language. Once again, please know that our staff is very aware of this and will do their best to account for it. You can still help by offering books, shows, websites, etc. at their level and allowing your child to continue to gain as much French as possible.

We are not sure how long it will be before everyone in the school starts working remotely, so if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email your classroom teacher, Rebekah Wolshlager (our Head Secretary), or either of us. We are all in this together, and we all want the absolute best for all of our students.

Sincerely,
Bobby Samra and Rachel Ladd
(Principal) (Vice-Principal)