

Good Morning!!!

It has been a week since we have been a part and it feels much longer to me.

I thought about sharing with you some ideas/suggestions that would be beneficial and possibly fun to do with our students during this time away from the classroom. So each day that I email, I will share one suggestion/idea. These are optional.

**Today's Suggestion:** Have your child memorize his/her address and phone number (if they haven't already). This is very important for your child to know when they enter school. Next, have your child write a letter to an adult at Discovery and use our school address: 1165 Middle Tennessee Blvd. Murfreesboro, TN 37130 for mailing. Then, have your child use their own address and Discovery's to learn how to complete an envelope with the receiving address (DS), mailing address (student's), and a stamp. We realized that most students on our last Houses' HAM day did not know the skill of preparing an envelope for mailing a letter. Name/address spacing, placement, and legibility are crucial when preparing an envelope to mail. This is an important life skill and with the time on our side, now is a perfect opportunity to teach our kindergarten through sixth graders and also a good time to practice penmanship and "friendly letter" format while writing an adult at Discovery and spreading joy. 😊

Mrs. Snell and I would like to tweet and/or Dojo some of our students who are completing activities that either the school has provided or that our families created on their own during this shutdown. If you are okay with us tweeting pictures or videos of your child(ren), please email those to Mrs. Snell AND myself with a brief caption ([Jessica.snell@cityschools.net](mailto:Jessica.snell@cityschools.net), [Kristina.maddux@cityschools.net](mailto:Kristina.maddux@cityschools.net)). If you do not wish to have your child on our school Twitter or Dojo, please do not send pictures. This will hopefully be another way for our students and families to stay connected and feel a part of one another's lives.

Please remember that all activities that are provided by the school or the district are optional. No grades or accountability may be assigned to your child. We must abide by the federal law of equal access codes that protect all students in the time of a shutdown. Please do not feel that these activities are anything other than options for you and your child.

Monday, I will be sending through Dojo and our website activities for each grade level. Our teachers zoomed together to create one activity that would be beneficial and fun for our students to have the option to complete next week. Again, this is optional. Be on the lookout through Dojo or on our website for these activities.

Have a blessed day.

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