



March 12, 2020

Dear Grace Community:

We are all learning that the nature of this pandemic is that it moves quickly and so do our decisions and our ongoing risk assessments. After consulting with various school heads in the area, and taking into account the closure of the Episcopal Diocese parishes and Cathedral yesterday, we have decided that **Grace will close at 6 pm tomorrow, Friday March 13**. There is no known threat to our community at this time and we do this out of an abundance of caution and to participate in the social distancing that seems to be the best approach to slowing the virus down.

Here are the most important details to share at this moment.

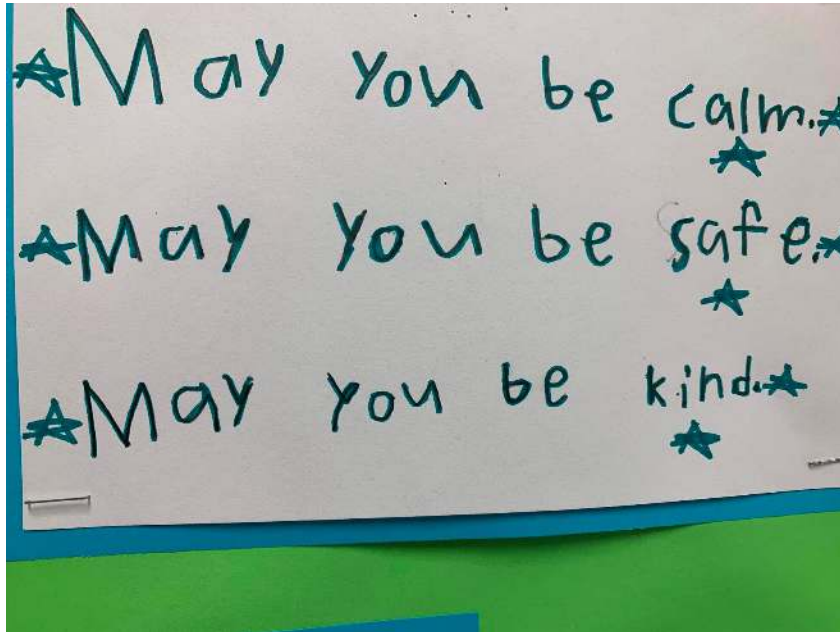
- Our “Pajama Day” planned for next Friday will now take place **tomorrow, March 13**. Send your children in their coziest PJs as we create some lightness and joy in these anxious times.
- We ask that you send your child to school tomorrow with a tote bag or shopping bag so that they can bring home all of their essential books and tools for learning.
- The faculty will still gather on Monday for a full day of planning so that we can implement our remote learning plan. You will hear from your child’s teacher sometime on Tuesday, March 17 with instructions about learning for Wednesday, March 18 - Friday, March 20.
- Remote learning will begin on Wednesday, March 18 and continue through Friday, March 20. **We ask that you please respond to [this very brief survey](#) as soon as possible so that we can determine which students may not have access to the tools they need.**
- By Friday, March 27, we will re-evaluate our plans to re-open (planned for Monday, March 30) and communicate our decision via text messaging.
- We will continue to update our [website page](#) during this closure period.

We know this is an increasingly challenging time and situation. The administrative team will remain in touch through next week and we will post times we are available to check in should you need to reach us with questions or concerns.

We recommend that you refer to the [CDC](#) for your information and that you follow the guidelines there for remaining healthy and also what to do if someone in your family becomes ill. Please

know that we are with you in spirit as we move to this distance from school and our collective community.

Finally, we hope you keep this prayer from one of our students in your mind and heart during this challenging time.



Let us know if you have any questions or concerns. We will be in touch again next week with more details about remote learning.

Very truly yours,

Jen Danish