



15 Jamesbury Drive • Worcester, MA 01609 PH: (508) 751-8500 FX: (508) 751-8501

March 24, 2020

Dear Summit Parents/Guardians,

I hope that this email finds you and your families well.

It has been an adjustment for me to shift from being in school every day with your children to spending my day at home in front of my computer. I look forward to my interactions with my colleagues on-line and reading the things that your children post in their Google Classrooms. As the teachers are interacting more with your children on line, your children are being asked to make and create things, they should be able to connect with their classmates more through the Summit Google Classroom environment. I had the opportunity on Monday to interact with four students online where we had a conversation. It was great to see them talking with each other and me. In the coming days I hope to see more online interaction and conversations between the Summit Faculty and your children, our students.

The reason I am writing however, is to ask for your help. It would be great if you would be willing to capture some of the things that your children are engaged in (with school) and take pictures or short videos and share it with me. I saw a great set of photos today of the Mexican hot chocolate that one of the students made and I read about Ms. Orrell's STEM project where she asked her students to make pasta. I know there will be other moments to capture in the coming days and I hope you are will to share them with me so we can chronicle our on-line experience.

On-line education has been around for quite some time. Personally, I have been teaching on-line for more than 10 years, but for Summit, this is our first exposure to working with children remotely as our primary means of connecting with our students. We are learning together how best to do this for the Summit students. Your pictures and videos will help to make this experience better for all.

Thanking you in advance for your help.

As always if there is anything I can do to support you, please let me know.

Regards,
Alicia

Alicia Gram
Assistant Program Director
Director, Summit University Residence
Summit Academy
15 Jamesbury Dr.
Worcester, MA 01609