

As we all continue to adjust to this "new normal" we find ourselves in, particularly in regards to remote learning, it is important to note that there is no singular new normal. Every family is dealing with remote learning in its own unique way, and even that changes from day to day. I have heard from some families who crave more academic activities for their children and I have heard from many families who are struggling just to keep up with what we are sending out. Please know that the staff and I truly **appreciate all of your efforts, support, and patience** as we continue to hone our remote learning practices and protocols. Also know that the staff and I are working on a re-entry plan that allows us to meet all students where they are academically when we finally do return to school. If you have any questions about this, or are looking for specific support, please feel free to email me directly.

While acknowledging that there is no one correct way to learn remotely, there are two things I feel are important as we move forward. The first is the power of participation in **synchronous (real time) connection opportunities** for students with their peers and teachers. The second is **being mindful of screen time** for us all. So, when you are helping your children prioritize activities please direct them to those real time class meetings and to activities that get them up and moving around or outside the house. (For example, here's a picture of my contribution to the Rainbow Scavenger Hunt that I participated in with ELC students this week!)



There are also two specific logistic items worth mentioning at this time. First, please check our [weekly newsletters](#) when you get a chance, particularly the information about parent conferences and class placement. And two, if you have any questions about technology, check out this [link](#) from our Media and Digital Learning department. This is where you can find some extremely helpful information there for you and your children about inexpensive internet access, and the two platforms we are using for instruction, SeeSaw and Google Classroom.

I hope everyone will be able to find some down time this long weekend and get outside to enjoy some Spring weather (once the snow melts)!

Mr. K