Hello HWE Families,

This first week of online instruction has certainly been a shift in our thinking and in our skill set as adults and students. We often talk about needing to model being a learner for our kids and this has given us quite the opportunity to show off our growth mindsets to our learners. We know this transition has been a challenge for everyone involved and we appreciate your diligence as a family in supporting your child's learning in this new format. Please continue to connect with your child's teacher or myself and/or Miss. Bigi for additional supports as we go. We are putting forward many opportunities for kids to engage in learning and we understand that everyone has a different story during this closure. Please engage as you are able to give your child an opportunity to keep their learning fresh and to connect them emotionally to their teacher and classmates as they are able. In times like this, it is so important that we maintain a connection. It's good for our minds, bodies, and our hearts!

I had an opportunity to video conference with the staff today and they have been so impressed with your learners and the level of engagement they are experiencing! They too have challenges that they are overcoming through this transition, but are so excited to continue to connect with their kids, your kids. It was nice to see each other today and to spend time with our family away from home. We miss seeing our kids and our families! Hopefully it won't be too long that we are not physically connected, but until then, we will continue to see you in the virtual classroom! Take care of yourselves and of each other.

Please check out this Smore Newsletter for some quick reminders and updates.

Have a great weekend,

Patricia