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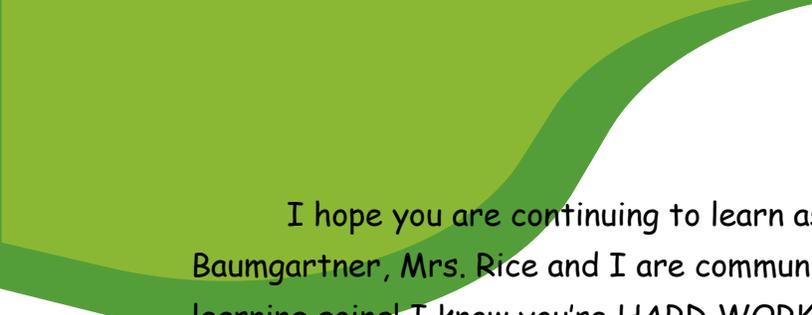
Dear Third Graders,

It's Ms. Matthies writing to you from home with Finn, the kitten, trying to walk on the keyboard. He's also been busy helping keep our classroom plants healthy! How are you? I miss seeing all of you and learning together! It can be hard to be out of school and your normal routines. I want you to know I have been thinking about you every day and sending you positive thoughts!

I have told you this before, but I'm going to say it again! This year I have been impressed by each of you since the very first day we created our class agreements together. I have seen each of you show RESPECT for others, our school community, and respect for yourself by trying your best to learn. I have seen you COOPERATE with each other and with me - working, learning, and playing together. I have seen you grow your INDEPENDENCE following class and school routines without needing help.

I also know that each of you is very HELPFUL! I have seen you offer to help each other learn something you didn't understand, help each other clean up, and help each other share. And of course, you always jump into action to help me find my keys or dry erase marker when they go "missing"! When big and challenging things happen like what is happening in our community and around the world, it is important to help each other. It can also help you feel better in an emergency to do something to help. I am imagining that all of you are doing important things to help your family during this hard time.

I would love to know how you are doing and how you are helping your family. I invite you to write me a letter back letting me know how you are and how you are helping. You can write and email me from your school account or use your family's email to write me at: [kathleen.matthies@rentonschools.us](mailto:kathleen.matthies@rentonschools.us)



I hope you are continuing to learn as much and as best you can at home. Mrs. Baumgartner, Mrs. Rice and I are communicating and posting activities to keep your learning going! I know you're **HARD WORKERS** - keep at it! Read and enjoy! Learn all your multiplication facts! Keep writing!

Take Care,

Ms. Matthies

