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Dear Third Graders,

It's Ms. Baumgartner writing to you from home with Emma, the big noisy cat meowing at me and trying to jump on my lap (while I try not to sneeze!). I miss seeing all of you and learning together! It can be hard to be out of school and your normal routines. I hope you are not too melancholy 😊. I want you to know I have been thinking about you every day and sending you happy thoughts! (and hoping you're all reading some really fun books!)

I tell you this a lot, but I still want to remind you that I'm proud of all the hard work and learning you've done so far this year. You've been working hard on being great listeners and being so kind to each other. I am proud (and you should be too!) of the way you meet challenges without giving up and help each other when you need it. I appreciate the way you help me every day—when I can't find a book or pen, when I have a post-it stuck to my shoe, and when I need to hear your thinking and ideas.

I am sure you are continuing this work while you are at home with your families—helping out when needed, listening to each other, and providing support to each other through this unusual time.

I would love to know how you are doing and how you filling your days. I invite you to write me a letter back letting me know how you are and what you've been doing. You can write and email me from your school account or use your family's email to write me at: sarah.baumgartner@rentonschools.us

I hope you are continuing to learn as much and as best you can at home. Ms. Matthies, 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. Baumgartner

P.S. Here is a picture of Emma laying on my computer cord and trying to get me to play with her. What do you think she would say if she could talk? Give me a caption for this photo!

