

Dear curious third graders,

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I miss you guys so much! I am at home, and while I'm stuck here, I'm working and trying to learn some new things. I have been reading a lot (I'm on my 3rd book so far!), learning about some cool online programs, and trying to plant some plants in my garden. My dog, Lara (remember her?), is SOO happy that I'm home all day every day, even though I wish I was back at school! She is soo lazy, but also very cute.

While I've been away from school, I've been thinking about what makes this class so awesome. Here are a few things I've come up with (and I know you've heard me say some of them before). You all are really thoughtful and reflective students. You always think about what you do and say, and how we can always improve on something, whatever that "something" is. You also work so hard! The progress you have all made in reading, writing and math so far this year is truly amazing. Lastly, you are patient and flexible. You do well working with anybody else in the class, and you help make sure that everybody learns, even if you learn at different paces or in different ways.

A few things to remember during our time away from school:

- 1. Take a second each day to think of somebody (or something) you're grateful for. Then, tell that person why! I know that I am grateful for my husband because he cooks dinner almost every night. Who/what are you grateful for?
- 2. Set up a schedule for yourself so you can do a little reading, a little writing, and a little math each day. You don't need to spend the whole day doing these things, but try to do some each day!
- 3. Think of something you wish you could have done during the school day but didn't get to do. Then, try it out! Do you wish we had more time to draw comics? Then, make some comics! Have you wanted to learn how to cook a certain food? Ask a family member if you can help them! Then, write down the recipe so you can share it with others.
- 4. I'd love to hear how you're doing and see what you're working on (whatever it is!). I invite you to write a message back to me, and include a photo of what you've been working on if you want! An adult can help you email me the message at: elizabeth.rice@rentonschools.us.

I hope you are continuing to learn as much and as best you can at home. I hope you are doing more than Lara is!! Ms. Matthies, Ms. Baumgartner 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!

