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Good afternoon Ichabod Families,

I hope this correspondence finds everyone doing well despite the news that our district will remain closed for the school year. Teachers and Administrators are currently working hard to ensure that our students and families are getting the support, both academically and social-emotionally, that they need.

As we continue with virtual learning and the use of Seesaw, I would like to review a few items with you in an effort to continue the success we have had thus far. Please know that your child's participation is key in making this learning successful. It is so important to have your child log on to Seesaw each day. The teachers and I continue to review the activities and plan them so as to not overwhelm the children or you. Please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions and/or concerns with the activities being assigned on Seesaw. We are noticing that some children are picking and choosing the activities. We ask that you encourage your child to complete all the activities on each day. Participation is the key component!

As a parent myself, I completely understand the urge to help your child as they complete the Seesaw activities. However, the activities have been planned so that the students can complete them independently. I ask that you help your child in a way that supports their responses, rather than doing it for them. The child completing the task allows the teacher to get a sense of the student's understanding and then be able to provide further assistance if needed.

Our students have also been asked to participate in daily reading. Reading each day is another key component of academic growth. We ask that you encourage your child to log on to Reading A to Z (Razz Kids, Kids A to Z) each day as part of their daily school work. Also, each Seesaw page will have a weekly "Exit Ticket" from our Special Area teachers. Those exit tickets need to be completed as well.

We understand how stressful this has been for you as parents and want to be here as a support, not a burden. I have received only positive feedback about Seesaw, in terms of the engagement it provides the students and the ease in which they complete the activities. If you do not agree or need some help, I encourage you to reach out to the classroom teacher. We are here to help and will do that in any way we can.

Along with academic needs, some students may also be in need of social-emotional support. We have our Guidance Counselor and School Psychologist on hand to support any of our Little Riders. Feel free to reach out to Amy Stephenson (astephenson@ichabodcrane.org/Guidance)

Counselor) or Kelly Bins (kbins@ichabodcrane.org/School Psychologist), both are available to do a Google Meet with any of our youngest learners.

Again, I know we will get through this and I want you to know that we are here, every step of the way to help. I miss the children and I am sure they miss our wonderful school. We will be there again and even better. We will get through this together, as an Ichabod Family, and I look forward to seeing their smiling faces.

Be safe,
Andrea Williams