

April 10, 2020

Greetings Ferndale Families,

We hope you are all well and keeping busy. Every teacher looks forward to the time that we are back in class again, learning and having fun together. Until that time, we will be putting together a weekly packet of new learning opportunities. It is our goal to provide meaningful tasks to allow your child to continue learning grade level standards, through the process of “distance-learning.”

Using the same schedule format that we shared before, we have created new learning packets for the week of April 13-17 with an increased expectation that your child completes the work. Please encourage them to do their best and complete all activities. These are connected to the online links and resources provided by the grade level team, if you're able to access them. If not, just have your child complete the hard copy of the learning plan provided.

By Monday, April 13, every elementary student in Ferndale should receive a paper copy of the grade level learning plan in the mail. Beginning Monday, all of the resources will be accessible online at <https://www.ferndalesd.org/covid-19/learning-resources>. Certain grade level packets contain links to supplementary video lessons that are available online.

Some of the learning resources you receive this week will be useful in future weeks, so when the packet is complete, you will want to set it aside for future reference (please do not return it at this time). Your child's teachers will be contacting you weekly to discuss your student's progress. If possible, please consider sharing the weekly reflection page (or any page) with your child's teacher by whatever method you have been communicating. The packets contain extra resources this first week, and are larger than normal. Please do not feel overwhelmed, and feel free to reach out to your child's teacher with any questions. We are here to help.

During this global pandemic, we feel strongly as a district that taking care of our families is the most important thing we can do. While organized by day of week, please do what works for your family's needs. Please do not let this work packet become a struggle or an issue. If your child is struggling, please reach out to their teacher.

Our elementary principals have created a short video introducing the learning packets for this week, which may be accessed at the following link:

<https://youtu.be/eCQfhmxKR2o>

Take care,
The Ferndale Elementary Team