

Distance Learning



What a crazy world we are living in. With SAU 16 schools closed to promote social distancing, I encourage all of the families at MSS to follow recommendations by the CDC as best they can. I have compiled a list of resources for families of K-2 students on my website at: [MSS Literacy](#). The “Resources for Families” tab near the top of the screen has lots of links for free reading opportunities, websites and distance learning suggestions. I posted the Reader’s Notebook I created on my homepage, along with a list of 25 screenfree activities. Consider these supportive materials and not mandatory materials, to support your child’s reading for that time and attempt instructional continuity. For the students I work with directly, I made a “Just in Case” packet and sent it home on Friday. I left the school at noon to attend a meeting, and my timing ended up being serendipitous. I am grateful I was able to share those printed materials! I only wish I had sent home more books, because you can never have enough :)

Although my established “office hours” will be Monday-Friday 8:15-3:15., I am always happy to answer any individual questions via email at edarby@sau16.org or plan a chance to interact with your child, via Zoom. I would love to see them!

I wish the best for all of you. I sympathize with those families who have medically fragile children, elderly relatives, or work commitments that make this closure extremely challenging. Do the best you can and know that teachers are as well. For those of you who can enjoy the extra time with your families, I hope you unplug, read, play and spend time with each other. The day after school was closed last spring, my husband and I took our boys and dog for a hike in the woods. We did not see anyone else but simply enjoyed nature and the beauty of it. I hope you all get that same opportunity soon. Take care & be well-

