



April 26, 2020

Dear Lower School Families,

I hope you have been able to enjoy this rainy Sunday. Our family has been involved in a multi-day Monopoly game, and I think we will be able to get more game-time later today with the rain and wind continuing outside.

Tomorrow we begin our fifth week of online learning. Just as it takes several weeks at the beginning of the year to get into the normal routines of school, we imagine it has taken just as long for online learning. We also recognize that you are busy with your own work, whether it is from home or still taking place where it normally does. I want to share [this article](#) from University of California, Berkeley's *Greater Good Science Center*. No matter the topic, I recommend this site for a multitude of parenting resources. This article, in particular, talks about reducing the amount of stress at home for everyone -- not just the children.

Here are a few announcements for the week:

- Monday is assembly day. In the Lower School, each "A" day is an assembly. Your children will get the link with their work, but [here it is](#) if you would like to also watch it.
- Wednesday is *Wacky Wednesday*! All lower-schoolers are encouraged to wear mismatched clothing, wacky hair, etc.
- I have appreciated your feedback so please continue to [email me](#) with any comments, suggestions or concerns.
- We are here for you! Please reach out to any of your children's teachers if you have questions at any time. In addition, if your children are struggling in this new online environment, please let us know. We have many resources available to support our Academy community.

As always, thank you for your continued support. We are grateful for it and will continue to offer activities and resources to help support our students during this time.

Be well,
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