

Allendale Elementary School

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Dear Allendale Families,

I hope you are all staying safe and healthy during these very unusual and uncertain times. I know the past two weeks at home have been a new experience for all of us, but I cannot emphasize enough how important it is to not attempt to replicate the school environment, daily routine, or curriculum. When teachers reach out to you to offer curricular activities for your child, please remember that they understand that every family is dealing with different situations and levels of stress and that you may not be able to complete everything. Please remember that you are not being asked to homeschool your children. We understand that modern education is not what we experienced as kids and when the students return to school we will make sure your child has the tools needed to succeed.

For now, the best thing you can do is utilize this gift of time to do things with your family. Play board games, do the dishes, sing songs, do the laundry, bake cookies, dance, read them stories and ask them to tell you stories! Spend time talking to them and letting them know that everything will be all right and that it will get back to normal again.

Stay safe, Dr. Quinn