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Dear Families

I trust that you are all keeping healthy and that you enjoyed the long weekend. This week ongoing learning opportunities for students are well underway- in particular, I hope that you have all been following Mr. Hunter's exercise videos! I have been able to attend several class meetings and had fun playing Learn at Home word bingo with some of our grade one students- I even had virtual snack time with a class! It was so good to see and hear the students and to make those personal connections.

Many of you will have noticed that our front playground is a building site. We are fortunate enough to be having the rubber matting replaced- you will remember that it had become quite patchy and worn. The project should be complete in three weeks - please be careful if you do come onto the school grounds.

Once again, I apologize to those families who were unable to collect their child's personal items from the school this week. I acknowledge that this has caused inconvenience and frustration for families and staff. Although I believe we have a very safe and efficient process organized here at Simon Fraser, I have to follow the direction of the school district when it comes to matters involving health and safety at the school site. I will notify families as soon as approval is given to restart the collection. Teachers will continue to provide learning opportunities that do not require the use of any materials and resources that are in school.

For important information about the continuity of learning expectations for your child and tips for families, please visit the VSB Continuity of Learning website that is being updated continuously: https://www.vsb.bc.ca/Student_Learning/Continuity_of_Learning/Pages/default.aspx The resources online are intended to supplement lessons and assignments that your child's teacher will provide moving forward. Also, please continue to check the Vancouver School District website www.vsb.bc.ca for updates and ongoing messaging from the Superintendent. I will email updates when I have information specific to Simon Fraser.

If you have any concerns about your child's learning please contact their class teacher. Also, please do not hesitate to contact our School Counselor Leslie Germain: lgermain@vsb.bc.ca who is also available to support families if they are concerned for the well-being of their child.

I hope that you have a good weekend.

Take care and stay safe,

Cathy Thomas

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