



April 4, 2020

Dear Magnolia Families,

We have now completed two weeks of at-home learning and I pray that each of you and your families are well. I am very proud of each of our Monarchs for their great efforts and grateful to all of you parents for your partnership in this endeavor. Thank you for your support and understanding as we continue to communicate our personal Magnolia experience to your daughters, despite the obvious limitations we face. The lessons for the coming week are all posted in TADS. If you experience any difficulty accessing them, please let us know.

Mrs. Cronin and I are working very closely with each of the teachers to support them in offering lessons that are true to our vision and philosophy. We have worked hard to build a learning plan that allows flexibility for our families and includes some special opportunities for real time conversations among teachers and students. Seeing one another is an integral part of sharing this experience and we will 'zoom' through this together. We have received very helpful feedback from you, the parents, and continue to welcome your thoughts.

As I am sure you have heard, Governor Abbott has mandated that schools remain closed until May 4. In addition, he has asked each of us to stay home as much as possible to help contain the spread of COVID-19. While we have been asked to live this time of physical distance, we are still very much united with you and your families. A couple of weeks ago, the Pope asked for the flock to pray a Rosary at the same time on a given day. After this experience, one of our teachers asked me if we can do the same with our community. I would like to ask all of our families to join together on Thursday, April 9th at 4:00 p.m. to pray together. The family rosary is a beautiful experience and in the words of St. John Paul II, "the family that recites the rosary together reproduces something of the atmosphere of the household of Nazareth: its members place Jesus at the center, they share his joys and sorrow, they place their needs and their plans in his hands, they draw from him the hope and strength to go on." Families can also choose prayers important to them to pray at this time. The importance lies in our unity and all invoking God's help and protection together.

While these are times of uncertainty, we can always be assured that we have one another. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if there is anything our Magnolia community can do for you or your family at this time. May you find yourselves blessed in new ways this Holy Week.

Count on my prayers as I count on yours,

Annamarie Omanga