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Dear Noxon Families,

Throughout this school year, our Friday Family Letters have been a way for me to showcase the learning, fun and progress in our 3 school focus areas, here at Noxon Road Elementary School. It has been a way to honor the efforts of our staff and highlight their strength, creativity and commitment to our students!

Knowing that, it's only fair that we now FLIP our Friday Family Letter and instead SHOWCASE and CELEBRATE each of you...and the FUN/LEARNING that you are now providing to the children of our educational community. As you read through, I hope you join me in saying..."We've got this" because "We're in this together!" Thank you for accepting our "**Principal's Challenge #1**" and sharing your "at home learning" with everyone!

Before you enjoy these pages please remember...

1. Dr. Lyons sent a message with new information last night, please view it at <https://www.arlingtonschools.org/Page/22884>
2. If you don't already, follow me on Twitter at Kelly Becker Murray @NoxonRoad
3. If you don't already, please join our school Facebook Page called Noxon Road Elementary School Office.
4. We have not stopped (or even slowed down) in our efforts towards our 3 school focus areas. Staff, Student and Community Engagement, Social-Emotional Learning and Equity are still at the forefront of our work, although...this work will now take place "from a distance." I have no doubt that you will still see our efforts in these areas, although with a more creative approach.
5. Use this link, shared by Mrs. Klementis and Mrs. Marino, to access resources available to support you through this challenging time. <https://docs.google.com/document/d/136Y51UwSn-4NPLqKBBDB7QjmmEutSPRU53tf6zlytBY/edit?ts=5e73a93c>

Enjoy the following pages and as you read, please do what we often ask our students to do, "raise your hands up high in the air, now pat yourselves on the back because you're doing great!" It's clear throughout these pages that our students are engaging in quality experiences, because of each of you! We're here with continued support and hopefully, normalcy...as we navigate this together. Please reach out with any needs that you have at KMurray@acsdny.org

Ms. Murray

Principal's Challenge #2:

Did you know that throughout history, fear and uncertainty has led to blame, prejudice and scapegoating against certain ethnic groups, cultures, religions, genders, etc.? Even today, Coronavirus is not about race, ethnicity, or culture as the risk of getting coronavirus is based on travel history and contacts with people who are sick. Unfortunately, that message is not getting through to everyone. Fear and misinformation are inciting renewed backlash against people who are Asian and against Americans of Asian descent. So, I **challenge** you to:

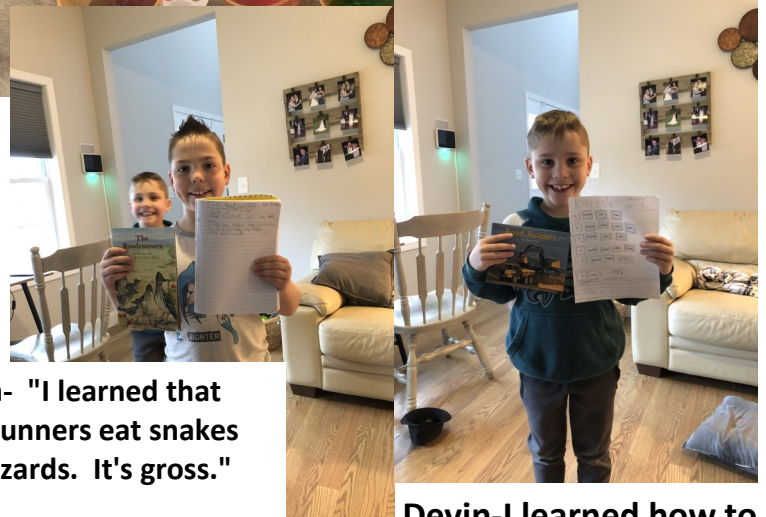
1. Become an activist in your own community as you...
2. Create a sign or poster to show the facts about coronavirus and dispel the myths that may exist. Also, use the posters to remind people of how they can stop prejudice and join together during times of fear or uncertainty.
3. Have your family take a picture of your sign and send to KMurray@acsdny.org by **3/25/20**
4. Then go for a walk in your community (with a grown-up) and find a place to hang your sign!

Mia learned science and what a hypothesis is and made her prediction that the beads oils grow. We counted the beads as she put them in the unicorn making a beautiful piece of art !



New ducklings are a lot of responsibility. My daughter Mia and I are reading books about how to raise ducks! We recently learned that they eat the same food at chickens when they are babies and that they aren't born with the ability to quack!

First they "peep" and then they quack when they are older. We are enjoying reading to and about our ducks and can't wait to share more updates with you!
Miss Papale



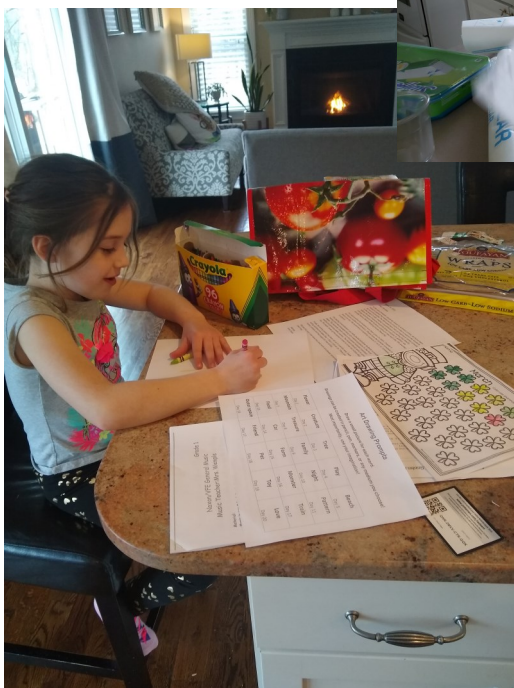
Dylan- "I learned that roadrunners eat snakes and lizards. It's gross."

Devin-I learned how to build a ROAD!



Michael Ruggiero did a mystery science module on volcanoes that included learning through videos, questions, and mapping the ring of fire. Mysteryscience.com is now providing free learning modules and materials to be used at home. Something interesting he learned was that when you map all the major volcanoes they create a ring of fire. Also Virginia once had an active volcano! We know that because volcanic rock was discovered there.

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Miss Foreman learned about Google Classrooms the other day, and I brought home a Chromebook from the classroom tub. After some exploration, I was able to figure out how to record myself reading aloud a book and upload it! Next time the video will be smoother and I'll show my face, but I'm glad this old dog learned a new trick. My next goal is to figure out how to record a video of a different read aloud for the Noxon FB page! Ms. Pattison

Hello everybody, I miss you dearly. I have been learning how to keep my daughter Jolie (20 months old) engaged and involved in a variety of tasks and activities. I have learned that she knows what "soft" is when she used the word to describe flour as we baked Irish Soda Bread. Additionally, I have been giving her opportunities to "stretch and explore" as an artist by painting with various tools such as paintbrushes, her finger, paint scrapers, sponge rollers...similar tools you use in the Noxon Art Studio. As a teacher, it's wonderful to observe how she learns and understands the world around

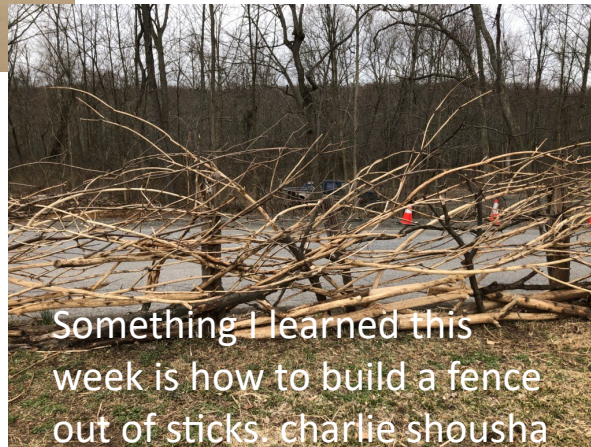


her. I have also been learning self-discipline and continuing to develop my Studio Habits of Mind (SHOM) by participating in the daily drawing challenges you were sent home with. Please share your drawings with me by following me on Twitter @OurArt_Klass so we can stay connected and I can see your artwork! Mrs. Klass



Daniel Practicing Percussion

I learned that companies are trying to help continue learning! Nicholas G.



Something I learned this week is how to build a fence out of sticks. charlie shousha



During this time have been taking daily walks after lunch. I have enjoyed seeing my neighbors out, kids learning to ride a bike, or playing with their friends and of course... all of the neighborhood dogs! Miss McGuirk

I learned how to get on Google Classroom and I also am going to put together a time capsule to bury in my yard! Juliette



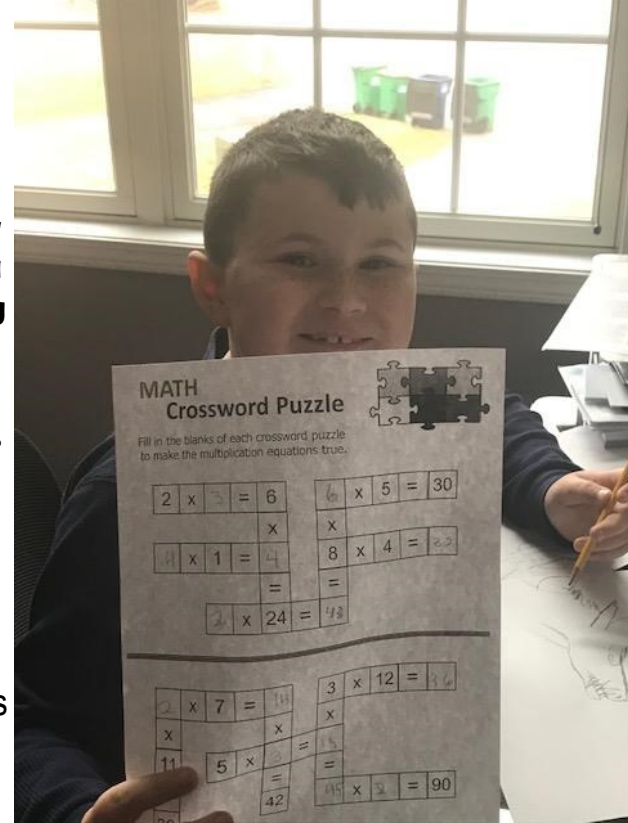
We miss you and all our teachers at Noxon. We are doing our best to be good students at home! We have been watching Afternoon Doodles with Mo Willems. We have learned a lot about being an artist and illustrator. We are also enjoying partner reading and independent reading with our books. Thank you for reading Humphrey to us! We try to guess who is next each day. The Blake Family





All week Joseph Wood from Mrs. Stephens kindergarten class has been learning to draw with Mo Willems the author of the Gerald and Piggie books! He loves listening to him talk about his books and loves to draw along with him. So far he taught us how to draw the pigeon, Gerald, and Piggie! He talks about how to animate and encourages them to write and draw their own stories.

Chris loves his packet and is working hard everyday. 😊 Here is a pic of him drawing and of his completed math work from this morning.



Lilly Martin-I learned about Charles Darwin, because we watched a video on the NATGEOKIDS about specimens Darwin found on his 5



"I'm learning more and more within the last few days how very much more than students and colleagues you all are at Noxon. We are a family and a very close one at that! I am missing you all tremendously and you are all constantly in my thoughts and always in my heart. To my students, you are loved and adored. Parents please reach out anytime. I'm here. To my friends at Noxon, if you ever need anything, don't hesitate to ask. We'll get each other through this. I have no doubt. In the meantime, keep your families close and if you have one, snuggle a dog.

♥️📧 Mrs. Rao

years trip. He discovered new species and how they can adapt to their environments!



Emma and Nicholas

Learning to rollerblade in the driveway!



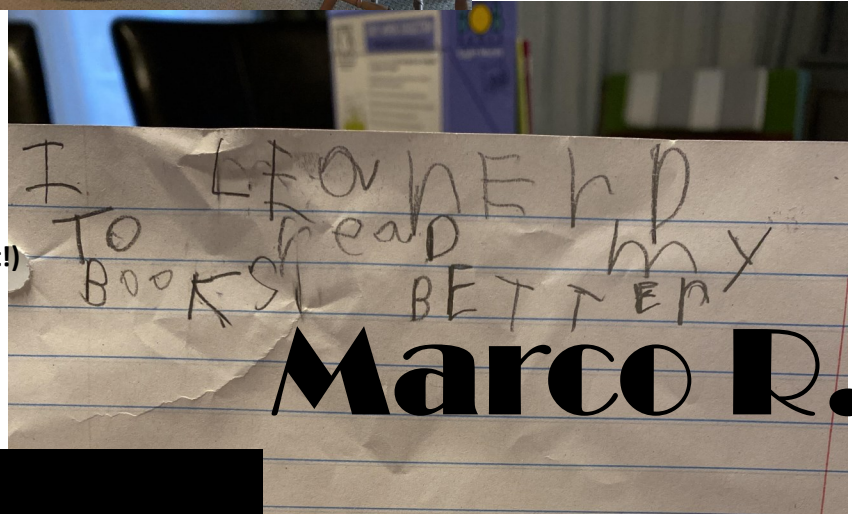
Jackson is learning about animals through live tours and how to direct draw animals on YouTube!



I learned that it takes a lot of patience to learn at home. But, getting fresh air as a break, helps me to focus more! I miss you! Love Sam P.



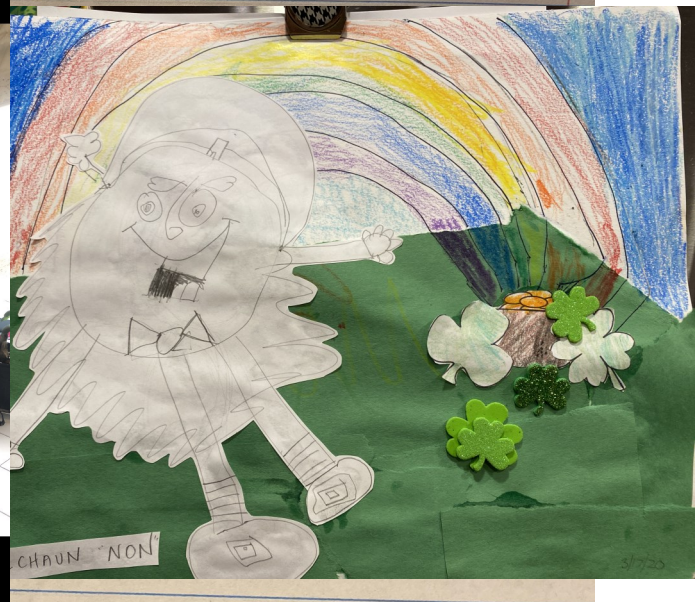
Lydia has been learning from watching celery grow and change everyday (then writing about it!) She has started an observation book!



Jack and Leah have been learning about science and making a terrarium!

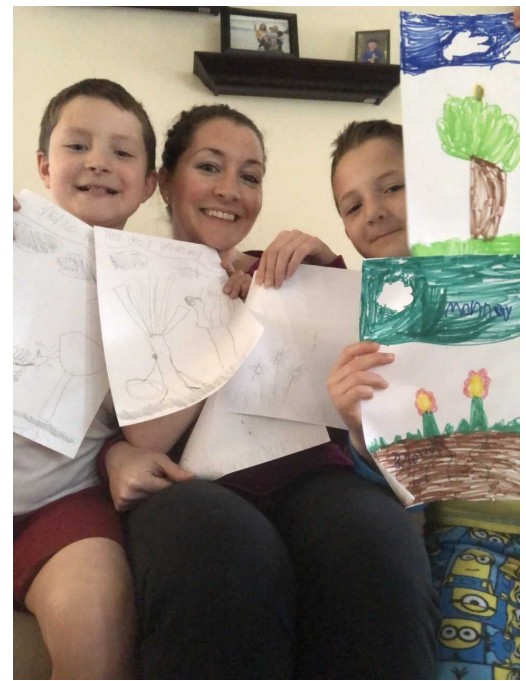


Hi! My first night of my language class, online from home, went well! Learning Irish is hard but no problem to work from my kitchen! Miss you all! Hope to see you soon! Mrs. Spuhler





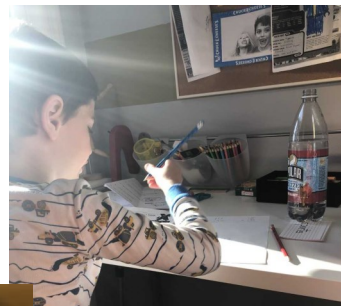
Mollie is building LEGO sets, graphing Lucky Charms and drawing patterns.



Hi! I miss Noxon so much already! The boys and I are sharing a photo of some of our draw-

ings from the prompts shared by Mrs. Klass! We look forward to it each day! Mrs. McKeon, Michael and Sean

I'm setting up my own Science Experiment! Addison

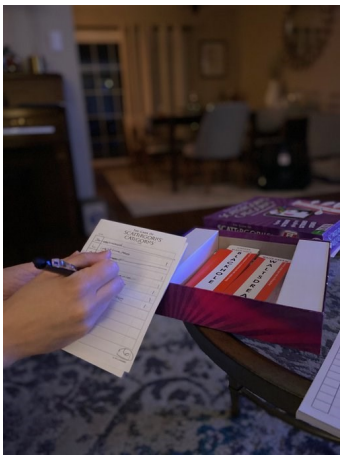


Michael T. loves learning in his Pajamas! He has been learning how to draw using online videos!



Diana reading to her dog Cookie! Yummy!

This week, Tyler and I did an experiment about chromatography, the separation of mixtures. We took coffee filters and used Mr. Sketch Markers to draw a circle and labeled the colors. Then, we folded them and put the tips in water. We saw the water seep into the filter and separate the colors into many shades. When they dried, we made our filters into flowers. Here's the link where my mom got inspired: <https://buggyandbuddy.com/chromatography-butterflies-separating-colors-in-markers/> From, Mirada



This week I am learning how to play new games like chess and Scattergories! You can learn so much by playing games together! Mrs. Wemple

I Learned that gravity has 10 percent of gravity is on the moon! And the world has a lot of gravity! LOVE,AIDAN

Ben Martin: After visiting the Dover Stone Church and learning about the origins of the game of lacrosse, I learned that they both have the Mohawk tribes in common. Ben says the Mohawks are feisty just like lacrosse players can be. And they probably played the game "right in our backyard."

What I have learned from this experience so far is that we have had the infrastructure all along to allow us to work and learn remotely, but it is not normally utilized to its full potential. I am now getting groceries delivered to home, including pet food, all my cleaning and medical supplies, and when this crisis is over, I am going to spend a lot less time shopping for what I need, and more time doing what is important. I am ordering workbooks to target skill areas that my children may need help with, such as algebra, etc. to make them even better prepared for when school starts again and Regents exams, state tests commence. This is great opportunity to reboot, take control of, and reprioritize our lives. We need to all think like a home-schooling parent - learning and developing socially can be optimized even when school is not in session, so long as we are mindful and deliberate about our choices and do not fall prey to discouragement or negativity. It is a great time for families to reconnect and bond, and realize what is most important in our lives. Mrs. Klementis



Rocco learned the # pi is 3.14. I also learned what a limerick is: it's a poem with 5 lines. The first, second and fifth lines rhyme with each other while the third and fourth lines rhyme with just them two. This is my limerick:

"There once was a great dinosaur
Who thought he could play battledore.
Until he broke a leg
Then he had to beg
In order to play battledore."



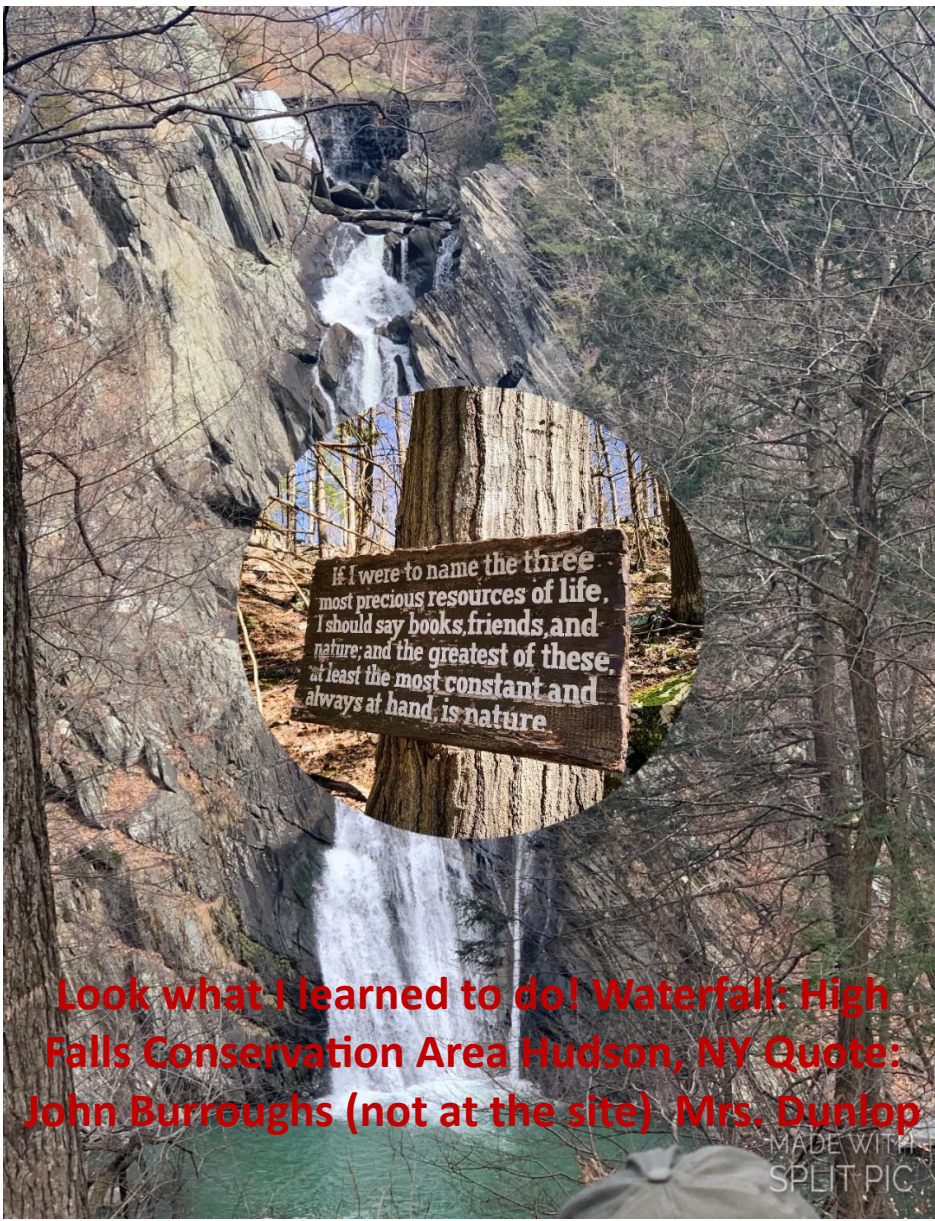
Ally helped her father put together our new kitchen stools.

This week I learned the states, capitals, state birds and flowers! Ali Gormanly

My family and I just returned from a hike around Nuclear Lake. While hiking, we discussed math (length in miles of each trail), geography (the Appalachian Trail extends through 9 states in the U.S & man-made structures vs. natural structures), history (why it's called Nuclear lake) how to use our 5 senses to explore, and mindfulness. We all learned something while on the hike but the most valuable take away was how important it is to be with the ones we love.

Mrs. Gargano





Look what I learned to do! Waterfall: High Falls Conservation Area Hudson, NY Quote: John Burroughs (not at the site) Mrs. Dunlop

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Savannah has learned new math skills and how it is important to be kind to everyone especially during a tough time in this world.

Jaeden has learned about a life on the farm by watching a virtual tour of a farm.



We have been enjoying a lot of new games this week and learned how to play a great strategy game called Sequence! Connor & Brady



This week I learned how to take care of a hamster, kind of. I learned how to make a diorama~ book in a box all about Humphrey of course.

First, I painted a shoebox like a cage. Next, I created all of his most important things like his water bottle, wheel, bed, ghost costume, best costume award, rubber band (for self defense), lock that doesn't lock, toy ball, and apple snack. Finally, I used play doh to create Humphrey himself! Most importantly, I learned how to think about the book we are reading by creating art-work using things around my house! Fun, Fun, Fun!

Love,
Aubrielle Talarczyk
Mrs. Stephans & Mrs. Schmitt's K Class
PS I love them as much as Humphrey loves

Ms. Mac!

