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Dear Families,

I can't believe we are finishing our 10<sup>th</sup> week of school. The year has been going great, and it has been wonderful to watch the children start to learn and grow. I wanted to thank you all for your patience as we have navigated through many new policies and regulations. It is due to everyone's hard work complying with all the safety and health precautions that have led to minimal disruption to in person learning.

As we enter the winter and holiday season, I strongly urge every member of our NIS school community to follow all COVID related guidelines such as wearing a mask, maintaining social distancing, washing hands, reducing your risk of exposure, and remaining home when sick.

However, due to the increased COVID-19 rates locally, we are creating a distance-learning plan. If the state mandates another closure, we will continue to provide your child with their education and services remotely. We are creating a plan that balances out the appropriateness of a young child being on a screen and their need for educational services. We are also asking parents to prepare for the possibility of a school closure. If we do have to go remote, children will receive a schedule for their live virtual sessions. I have attached some simple ideas for getting the most out of your child's virtual program.

As you know, NIS is a play-based program, so even remotely we will continue to work with your child through play and activity. To help us plan for your child's sessions, we are asking each family to complete the following survey. This survey will give your child's team an idea of materials and toys available. We neither want nor need you to purchase any of these items. This will help with lesson planning.

Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RemoteLearningMaterials>

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Enjoy your Thanksgiving and take care.

Yours Sincerely,

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