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MCS Family,

Well this is a different lead up to Easter than I expected when the new year began. From the way we access Easter church services to how we will celebrate holiday meals with family, things will look, well, not quite the same. Even after all that though, we know some things will always remain the same:

1. Jesus is the bread of life (John 6:35)
2. Jesus will fill any emptiness deep inside us.

MCS Families, you are in our thoughts. In this uncertain time, we pray that all of you remain healthy, both physically and mentally. Mrs. Neels shared a podcast with the staff and her class this week and I would like to pass it along. Author, Brene Brown, speaks about this time we are living in and offers a couple insights:

[Brene on Comparative Suffering, the 50/50 Myth and Settling the Ball](#)

The author uses two words that you might not want your children to hear but I feel that the message is worth the listen and provides some specific strategies to help families.

We are a week and a half into our alternative delivery of curriculum. I recall sharing this last week, but I think it is worth commenting on it again. On site teaching and learning (what we had prior to public health orders) is not the same as remote learning and that schedules effective in one setting cannot be simply translated to the second setting. I suspect that we have all lived a piece of that truth over the past few days as it related to students learning at home.

The staff at MCS are working with each other to find the right fit of emergency remote education into your lives. That place where the teaching, assigned work, requested materials and technology balance with your own household demands which may require you to juggle working from home, helping your children with school, potential realities of loss of income and ensuring your families health and safety.

Stay safe.

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