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Dear Kindergarten Parents,

I hope that this letter finds you and your families happy and healthy! I know that this has been a difficult time, and I would like you to know that the students and families of St. Catharine's are in my heart and my prayers! I have truly missed seeing each of the children at school, and I hope that they are spending their days learning, playing, exploring, and enjoying their time with you.

I am reaching out to touch base on some nursing related updates pertaining to this school year. As you may recall, our Kindergartners were screened for vision and hearing issues earlier in the year, unless a student was absent or did not turn in a signed permission slip. Individual results were sent home at that time. It was my intention to screen the few remaining students this spring, but due to the abrupt closing of school, I was unable to finish all of these screenings. I will contact you by June 5, 2020 if your child was not screened for either vision or hearing this year. As always, these basic screenings are not intended to replace an evaluation by a doctor if your child is having vision or hearing related issues. Heights and weights were measured earlier in the year, and your child's BMI (Body Mass Index) was calculated. I had planned to send these results home by mail because of the sensitivity of results (rather than home in folders); but given the circumstances, I prefer not to add to the circulation of physical mail at this time. If you have questions regarding your child's BMI results, please feel free to contact me via email.

Here's a break for you...there are no required dental or physical forms due upon entry into first grade, unless a form for either was not turned in for Kindergarten. I do, of course, encourage you to maintain routine physical and dental well visits for your child once the current situation allows.

Please continue to check the "Nurse's Corner" on our school website, as well as the page dedicated to your child's grade for updates throughout the summer. Also, please feel free to contact me via email at any time if you have any questions or concerns.

I wish you and your child a very *happy, healthy, and carefree* summer! I look forward to seeing all of you again very soon! Until then, please be well and take good care of yourselves and each other.

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