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Dear Families,

In the event of a school closure, we have created the attached suggested material. Our contingency plan is not an attempt to recreate what we do each day. Elementary teachers in New Paltz create creative welcoming, caring communities inside of their classrooms every day. We uncover content through built trust, discussions and interactions. While we cannot recreate this outside of the classroom, we can develop contingency plans that provide resources to encourage students to interact with content and explore their experiences. We have included a reading and math packet that you are welcome to use as resources and skills practice for your children.

Here are some suggested websites to explore:

**Ms. Lis-Simmons webpage is full of resources. Our students are somewhat familiar with these sites. Explore away.

For all subject areas:

<https://www.brainpop.com/> (BrainPop is opening free access to any school that has a closure.)

<https://sheppardsoftware.com/>

For science exploration:

<https://mysteryscience.com/school-closure-planning> (Mystery Science is creating a page of easy to do at home explorations that students will not need a log in to access.)

We look forward to welcoming you back soon!