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Charting New Territory

Education for the unforeseeable future is still up in the air. We have been asked to assign nothing new, but to provide things that can engage children. With this in mind I will be working on a variety of things to help the children keep up with their skills without adding new material so that it will be equitable to all students (especially those that don't have access to computers or online devices to keep up with the rest of the children.). This is currently what WCPSS is asking us to do.

I realize that this may be frustrating to many of you, but I will try to help provide learning opportunities for your children to enjoy. Nothing can be graded because it is not at school and students with needed modifications would not be able to receive them in a different setting.

Children's Books

More than 1/2 of the children already have their Children's books edited, printed and with them to illustrate. Others still do not have them complete. If students choose to, I can help edit. I can give suggestions and we can give notes back on forth to complete if needed. Since we have no way in knowing when all of this will end, I don't know when I will be able to get all of the materials back together to send to the publisher. I am hoping that it will be possible. One thought I have on illustrations for the children that don't have their packets at home is to do them on paper and upload photos of illustrations to proper places in the book. Many of you are probably more skilled at doing this than I am, but this is one way we can proceed with the book. At this point- I can not require anyone to do anything. If and when we go back to school it is my intention to send the books to the publisher.

Washington DC

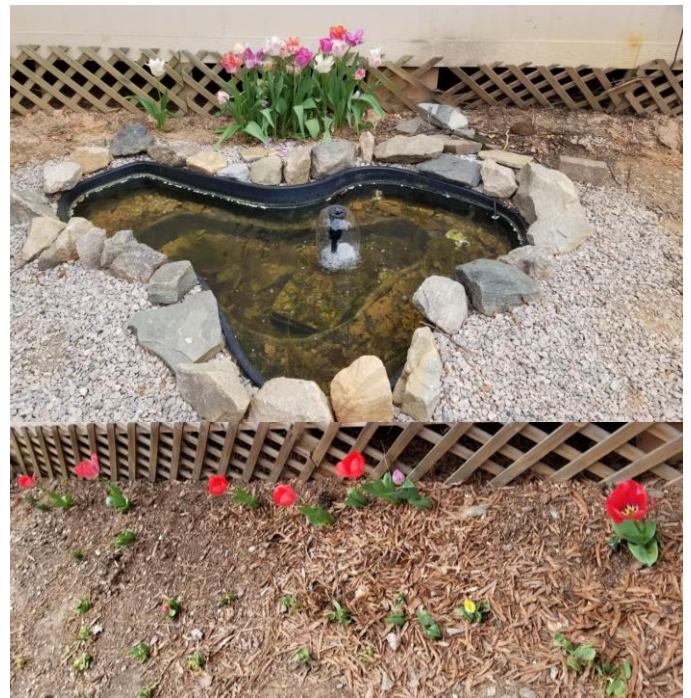
I have had several parents ask about the trip and whether it will be rescheduled or about refunds. At this point I would be shocked if we will be able to reschedule the trip simply based on everything that is going on. Last Friday I was inquiring about refunds and told that most likely everyone would get most or all of their money back. Since this is now a Central Office issue and way on the

back burner as to what is truly important on the county's list of to dos, it is something we will find out about later. I will let you know as soon as I know something.

3rd Quarter Conferences

3rd Quarter Conferences have been cancelled. I will set up new conference dates when I am able to reschedule.

Beautiful Work Gardening



I am sad that the children will not be able to see the fruit of all of their work. I did take a few photos yesterday because as we know a flowers time short lived.

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Smithsonian Tween

Through Dojo I sent links for all children to have access to the Smithsonian Articles and activities. These are leveled and I will monitor the scores and adjust lexiles for success for children who choose to use this resource. I am planning on setting a See Saw Platform and doing daily challenges with the kids where they can post their responses to the challenge. It will take me a few days to get things up and running. I will try to communicate through Dojo and email.



This looks fun and I know lots of kids in my class love to draw! Free lessons from a professional!

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