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To Our FCA Families,

Now that we have completed our first round of school work at home, we hope that everyone is getting used to how things will work from this point forward. We will be continuing to work at home through the entire month of April. This may be extended if Governor DeWine puts a new order in to place. In the event that we must complete the school year at home or we return in May, our last day of school has been moved to May 29, 2020.

This letter will explain our weekly structure and how your students will be graded as we complete fourth quarter work at home.

Today you picked up the second packet of assignments. These are to be returned on Thursday, April 9, 2020, between 8am-12pm. There will be no assignments on Friday, April 10, as it is Good Friday. **After Easter, we will begin a Friday to Friday pick up/drop off cycle.** Please pay attention to **REMIND** messages for reminders on pick up/drop off dates and times.

Because we will be continuing our work at home, **all grades will have certain subjects they will be required to view online at www.abeka.com.** Up to this point this has been optional for some of our elementary students, but in order to more effectively help our students continue to grow in their learning this will be a **requirement which is factored in to the student's grade for fourth quarter.** Not every grade is required to view the same subjects. Below you will see what each grade level is required to view through abeka online.

Kindergarten & 1st Grade: Phonics (Abeka) *Mrs. Wobser will be posting videos to help students with math and social studies.*

2nd Grade: Phonics/Language, History, and Health (Abeka) *Ms. Green will be posting videos to help students with math and reading.*

3rd Grade: Math, Language, History, and Health (Abeka)

4th-6th Grade: Math, Language, History, and Health (Abeka)

7th-8th Grade: History and Science, Spanish (8) (Abeka) *Mrs. Browning will post help videos in math and language. Students do have access to the Abeka lessons if they need further help with math or language (it is not required).*

9th-12th Grade: History, Science & Spanish (9-10), Pre-Calculus (12) (Abeka) *Mrs. Highlander is posting videos for Algebra I and II - Abeka is available to students who need extra help in math (but not required).*

For fourth quarter students will be graded on the assignments they complete and return in their weekly packets as well as their participation in viewing lessons through Abeka online. Teachers will also be using other means to help grade students as they work from home. **Flip grid** can be downloaded as an app on devices or viewed online when using a computer. This is one method teachers will be using to grade students in various ways. Through this app, teachers can post a video/assignment for students requiring them to complete a short video presentation and post it. Only their teacher and classmates can see the videos posted. **We will be doing science fair using Flip grid.** Pay attention to your child's planbook for information about how they will complete their presentation in this way. **Science fair projects boards will be optional.** Because of our current lock down, we know many families do not yet have all the materials needed to complete science project boards so we are no longer requiring them for science fair. If your child does complete their board, they will receive extra credit on their project.

Lastly, we will begin implementing Zoom meetings in to your child's week. We are currently working out a schedule and will get more information to you soon. We want to coordinate and make this addition as easy on multi-child families as possible. Zoom meetings will allow teachers to have a face to face meeting with the entire class to help with questions, teach a lesson, or just interact and allow the kids to see how their friends are doing.

We want to thank all of our parents. We know that this is a challenge for each of our families. Thank you for working so diligently with your kids and having patience with us as we implement these plans to help all of our students finish this school year. Never hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher any time through the school day. We are here to help. We have had phone conversations, face time conversations, and texting between teachers and students already. That is what we are here for!

We are praying for all of our families through this time and look forward to when we can see you and the students again!

Mrs. Browning

