

Dear Swift River Families,

We miss you all very much! I've been glad to be able to connect with several of you through email, text, and phone calls, and I've enjoyed seeing your comments on the SRS Facebook page about Community Reads and Community Sing. It is very grounding and heartwarming to stay connected during this time apart.

Many thanks go to the SRS teachers who have reached out to families and provided learning enrichment ideas. Our Ideas for Alternative Learning Days Enrichment document was shared on Friday with the Swift River Current, and teachers are already at work creating another one! We hope you will try these fun enrichment activities at home. You can also access the document through our [school webpage](#). Every day staff members add ideas and information for families to access (without flooding your inboxes)! And if you haven't yet done so, be sure to check out the Swift River Facebook page to watch Community Reads every weekday at 11:00 AM and Community Sing on Fridays at 8:45 AM via live feeds. Also, remember that you can track a mile a day by downloading the tracking sheet at [100mileclub.com](http://100mileclub.com), part of the 100 Mile Club 26 Day Challenge. This way, all of your walks and hikes will count towards your 100 Mile Club goals!

Although schools must suspend in-person educational operations, staff members have been at work planning best methods for how to equitably provide families with alternative access to student learning opportunities during this period and potentially beyond. At this time we are not worrying about MCAS testing. Secretary DeVos reminded us, "Neither students nor teachers need to be focused on high-stakes tests during this difficult time. Students are simply too unlikely to be able to perform their best in this environment."

As a reminder, teaching staff will be available to check in with students and families twice a week. We welcome families to check in with teachers by email, and also please feel free to reach out to me at [sullivan@swiftriverschool.org](mailto:sullivan@swiftriverschool.org). **All work given and suggested by SRS staff is provided as enrichment.** Swift River does not currently have the means to provide distance learning, and many of our families do not yet have reliable internet.

As we look to gain insight in this area, we need more information about technology access in our community. **We ask that everyone please take three minutes to fill out our technology survey [HERE](#).** Your answers will help us better understand the

connectivity of our community as we think about planning and learning in the days to come. Thank you in advance for your important feedback.

Lastly, thank you to all of the families in our school community for your kindness, support, and communication. You are all doing a great job keeping everyone happy and safe. We know that for some this week has felt more like a month! And again, please reach out to the school staff if your family needs additional support. We're here for you!

Be well, stay healthy, stay positive,  
Kelley

*Dear Union #28 Families,*

*I am sharing with you the recent list of supplemental educational resources that the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has shared with superintendents. You may be familiar with some of the resources, your child's school may have shared some of these resources but perhaps there are some resources you may find useful and helpful.*

*Best,  
Jennifer*