Hey Everyone,

Well, it has been a long 3 weeks since we have been together. I hope you all are doing well and, of course, following all the new rules 😊. I have missed you all and truly do look forward to seeing you all again, hopefully sooner rather than later.

To keep you all working on your math skills, the district will be providing access to Dreambox Learning. I should have your usernames and passwords for this site early this week (possibly even today), and you or your parents can email me to get it. The link for this site is <https://play.dreambox.com/login/knjs/aaj2>. This program will provide activities that are based on our curriculum, so you will be able to keep your skills sharp and get ready for next year. It is recommended to you use this program for at least 90 minutes a week. If you do this, the program will actually get to know you and provide more activities on the sections you need work in, and will even provided you with work at a higher grade level when you are ready. If technology is not readily available, multiplication games with a deck of cards is a great way to keep up your math facts.

For science activities, visit <https://www.birds.cornell.edu/k12/science-nature-activities-for-cooped-up-kids/> . There are three weeks of activities that you can do with your family AND it gets you outside for some fresh air. If you have younger siblings, you can take them with you and do some of the activities that are geared towards their age group too. Feel free to send me pictures of the things you discover on your walks.

Another activity for those who like to build things is to design and build a bird feeder for your backyard and document they types of birds that show up daily (remember to do your best to squirrel proof that thing 😊) Take lots of pictures!

For parents, I know that this is far from an ideal situation, and I certainly do not want to add any more worries to this stressful time. If you or your child have any questions, the best way to reach me is through my teacher email account – [gerry.richard@nbed.nb.ca](mailto:gerry.richard@nbed.nb.ca) . I will be checking this multiple times a day and will reply promptly.

Sincerely,

Mr. Richard