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Dear Parents,

Congratulations! We are almost done with week 10 of remote learning. We appreciate everything you have done to keep learning alive in your home and are grateful for your partnership.

Promoting social and emotional learning at home can be challenging. Our goal continues to be to help you maintain a balance. In collaboration with the Devereux Center for Resilient Children, this week's focus is on **Social-Awareness** and excerpt is below:

What is Social Awareness?

Before we can get along with each other or work together towards a common goal, we must get to know, understand, and respect each other. A key skill related to social-awareness is empathy – the ability to understand and appreciate the feelings, thoughts, and attitudes of another person. Rather than ignoring or rejecting someone we disagree with, empathy helps us understand the other person, even if we don't agree. That understanding is essential to not only avoiding conflict, but also working together to achieve a common goal. As Abraham Lincoln once said, "I don't like that person. I have to get to know him better." Let's see how we can help our children and ourselves grow our empathy.

Strategy – "Grow Your Empathy"

The goal of this strategy is simple – to help our children develop their ability to show empathy. Please see link below for additional information:

[*Promoting SEL at Home: Social-Awareness**](#)

Please note that a schedule will be sent home soon regarding picking up and dropping off student materials. This schedule will begin on June 8th. Thank you in advance for your patience as we continue to get guidelines from the state to ensure everyone's safety.

In closing, please take care and enjoy the long weekend. Never forget that we are in this together and are here to help.

Sincerely,

Patricia A. Bell